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# Inflation and Budget fears drive £ down

# Labour far ahead in new Mid Staffs poll

tured yesterday as the pound slumped, prompting fears of a further interest rate rise the could take inflation in a double figures in the

As ministers struggled to defend Mr John Major's strategy against City disdain, their gloom was deepened by a MORI poll indicating almost certain defeat in today's Mid Staffordshire by-election.

Bank of England officials vesterday intervened to support the pound after it fell to 85.3 on the trade-weighted index and by the close it stood 4 35.5, the lowest since the ten on sterling in January 1987. The pound closed at \$2.5935, down 1.88 cents, and tock market fell almost 30 pol is in early trading, but recovered to 2250.3, down 9.4 on the day.

The Chancellor refused to be panicked into an interest rate rise, saying the City had reacted adversely to previous Budgets, but the situation had corrected itself. This was not a Budget for today, tomorrow or the next day, but the first in a low-inflation, high-growth

He did not, however, rule

#### INSIDE £363 poll tax average

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Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment. announced the average in the Commons. It represents an overshoot on total local authority spending of some £3 billion above what the Govemment considers fair and

#### Soccer praise

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Football's £100 million concession, announced in the Budget to help clubs provide all-seater stadiums, was welcomed yesterday by Lord Justice Taylor, whose suggestions for ground improvements have been taken up by the Government....... Page 44

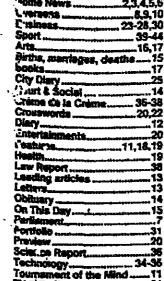
#### De Klerk talks

President F. W. de Klerk and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, met in Windhoek, the first ever meeting between a South African head of state and a

#### **Ouinnen** quits

Mr Peter Quinnen, the chairman and chief executive of accuraties house James Capel, resigned suddenly after policy differences with Capel's parent Hongkong & Shanghai

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By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

Conservative Budget eu- out further rate rises. "If it is phoria was rapidly punc- necessary, it will happen," he tured yesterday as the said. "It is a judgement I will make as and when it occurs."

The Prime Minister's deep anger with the City was made puin by Downing Street. She was said to be scornful of its lack of sophistication and to believe that the Budget was both "tough and fair".

Her response to City accuse tions that it was too soft and that Mr Major had appeased backtenchers rather than at-tack economic problems was said to be: "Go tell that to

mortgage payers."

Mrs Thatcher's problems
will be compounded today when Labour is expected to wipe out the 14,654 majority in Mid Staffordshire and take the seat by some 12,500 votes. Such a spectacular success would be only the sixth Lab-our by-election gain from the Conservatives in 25 years and the biggest Conservative-Labour swing since the 1930s.

She also faces the prospect of a big jump in inflation next month, when poll tax bills and increased excise duties are expected to add more than one percentage point to the retail prices index. Further rises are expected in the following months to a peak of about 9.3 per cent in August; but Mr Roger Bootle of Midland Montage said that if interest rates had to go up again, inflation could reach double

Although Conservative defeat in Mid Staffordshire has been expected and to some extent discounted already, a result on the lines indicated by MORI will intensify the strains on Mrs Thatcher's leadership and further weaken City confidence in the party's prospects of winning the next election — a key factor in the

weakness of the pound. The poll, conducted in Mid Staffordshire since Tuesday's Budget, show party support at: Labour 55 per cent, Conservatives 28, Liberal Democrats 9. SDP 4. Green Party 3, others 1 per cent.

The figures represent a 26.5 per cent Conservative to Labour swing since the General

However, fewer than half of those intending to vote Labour today are doing so because they back the party's policies, and another 40 per cent are doing so as a protest against the Government A quarter

Inflation will rise in the next

than 9 per cent before starting

likely to occur just as the

autumn pay round begins,

raising fears of higher wages,

falling competitiveness and

In the Budget Mr John

Major, the Chancellor, fore-

cast that inflation would fall to

71/4 per cent by the end of the

year. But before then a

combination of the poll tax,

the increase in excise duties on

cigarettes, drink and petrol

e rise in mortgage rates and

rising unemployment.

Inflation may reach

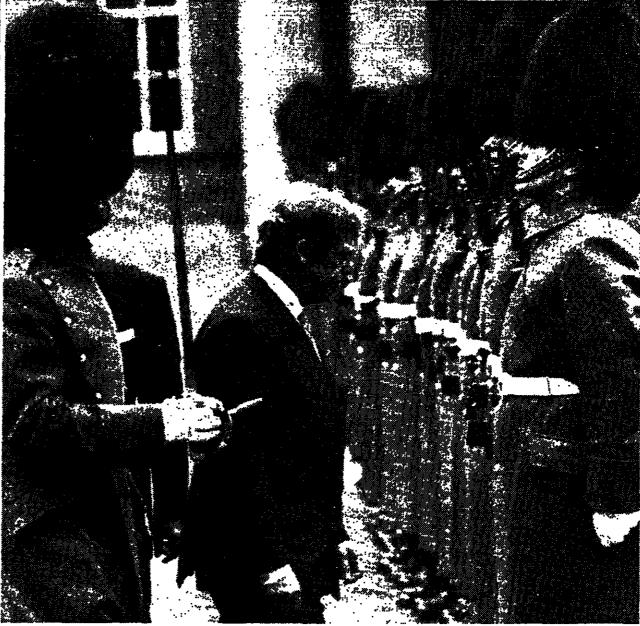
9% peak in August

few months to a peak of more of 7.7 per cent is expected to

to fall. The highest rate is February's figures are an-

August

# Playwright at the Palace parade



Close inspection: President Havel of Czechoslovakia, the former playwright and dissident, before his meeting with the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday at the start of his state visit. Reports, pages 8 and 22.

# **New inquiry ordered** on Birmingham Six

By Quentin Cowdry and Stewart Tendler

tives are to begin a fresh but limited inquiry into new evi-dence put forward on behalf of further examined. the Birmingham Six, Mr "A great deal of material David Waddington, the Home was offered to the Home Secretary,

enabling Britian to seize the doubts about the convictions economic opportunities of the 1990s. "Britain's inflation was of the six - Hugh Power. Patrick Hill, Gerry Hunter, made at home and the authors Richard McIlkenny, Billy Power and Johnny Walker are on the Government front bench and the odd one on the Mr Waddington could send the case to the Court of Appeal The Government kept scorfor its third hearing.

ing inflationary own goals, he He could also use the Royal said. It was to blame for increased prices in public transport, electricity, water prescription charges and for

the high rise in council rents yet to come. Today will see publication hich are expected to show a

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The January inflation rate

have fallen a little when

nounced tomorrow. But it will

begin to rise in March because

recent mortgage rate

The big jump will come in

April when inflation is likely

to nearly 9 per cent. This will

reflect poll tax increases and

the new Budget excise duties.

Stockbrokers James Capel ex-

to rise by more than I per cent

of the February trade figures fall from January's £1.9 billion current account deficit to around £1.3 billion.

were likely to vote for a

Since the poll tax is at the

root of the Government's

troubles in Mid Staffordshire,

further grim news lies ahead

for the Conservatives in the

However, most Tory MPs

Chancellor has got his strategy

right. In the Commons Budget

debate yesterday, Mr Norman Lamont, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, declared: "Pain there may be but gain there will also be. By this time

next year the prospects will be

He said the Budget was

right for the circumstances.

cautious, prudent, firm, neu-

tral and accompanied by a

monetary policy that the Gov-

ernment is determined to

To those who maintained it

had not been tight enough, the

Government would point to

the very large fiscal surplus, a

surplus unequalled by any

country in the world other

than Japan, Mr Lamont said.

increases in inflation had their

origins in monetary policy;

that was why the response

should be a monetary one

Mr John Smith, the shadow

Chancellor, said the Budget

was at best irrelevant and at

worst positively harmful to

the Government's objectives

through high interest rates.

It was obvious that the

maintain until inflation

May local elections.

distinctly brighter."

markedly reduced."

Prerogative to pardon the men or remit their sentences, although the mer, could soon be released on licence anyway. After the announcement of

the inquiry in a parliamentary written answer the Home Secretary said he thought it "right in all the circumstances" that certain points

Devon and Cornwall detectraised with the Home Office sentences in 1975.Last year by solicitors acting for the the campaign to free the six Birmingham Six should be

announced Office by solicitors acting for from whose ranks the original If the inquiry supports it right in all the circumstances to ask for the assistance of the chief constable (of the West Midlands) who, in turn, has decided to ask for the help of the Devon and Cornwall police," he said. Devon and Cornwall offi-

cers carried out investigations three years ago for a hearing before the Court of Appeal which ended in the rejection of the men's case two years

They will now begin work again on a case prompted by the bombing of two Birmingham public houses 16 years ago in which 21 people died. The six each received life

# Romania violence

By Daniel Treisman

In the worst clashes in Romania since the December revolution, three people have been killed and 226 injured as ethnic Hungarians and Romanians fought in the town of Tirgu Mures.

As Mr Waddington made A dozen tanks and 500 his announcement, Mr John Patten, the Home Office Minpeated the Government's challenge to Mr Chris Mullin, the Labour MP for Sunderland South, to reveal the names of the men he says Leading article, page 13

# 3 dead in

declared in the town, 280 miles north of Bucharest, after crowds had thrown stones and petrol bombs and beat opponents with wooden staves. A lorry careered out of control cers shown by police through the town centre, crashing into the town hall

> soldiers and police guarded the centre of the town as tension between the two communities, which had simmered since the overthrow of Nicolae Ceausescu, boiled over this week. The two sides also attacked each other with clubs and scythes on Tuesday Continued on page 22, col 6

to curb **Baltic** split Front Mary Dejevsky President Gorbachov last night used his all-encompass-

Kremlin

decree

ing new powers to order regulations curbing Lithua-nia's "independence". The new measures include increased security at the borders, a ban on possessing

firearms, and restrictions on foreigners. The decree, said the Lithuanians were ignoring a resolution by the national parlia-ment declaring the indepen-

dence act void. President Landsbergis of Lithuania said in an interview that he hoped for stronger Western support if Moscow continued its "aggression". Mr Landsbergis told a Danish newspaper that the situation was reminiscent of 1940, when the Soviet Union incorporated Lithuania, Estonia

and Latvia. Mr Gorbachov's decree ordered a ban on the sale of hunting weapons and ordered all people in Lithnania to turn in all weapons in seven days "for temporary storage" by the Interior Ministry or have them confiscated.

The decree ordered the Foreign and Interior Ministries to tighten the issue of visas to foreigners and called for measures to stop foreigners violating rules governing their stay in the Soviet Union.

Border troops of the KGB security service were ordered to adopt "necessary measures to strengthen the guard on border regions." The Soviet Government and security forces were told to "ensure observance of the Constitution and defend the rights and lawful interests" of all residents of Lithuania.

Mr Gorbachov's orders were issued two days after the republic's new leadership defied a Kremlin order to rescind its proclamation and return to the Soviet fold.

Mr Gorbachov responded Monday by ordering steppedup controls on strategic installations.

The decree, which came on the same day as the Supreme Soviet debated legislation that would allow republics to secede, followed an appeal to President Gorbachov by a group of Soviet parliamentarians of the group Soyuz, who wanted direct presidential rule in the republic.

Lithuanian deputies on Tuesday sent a telegram to the Kremlin complaining about increased activity of Soviet soldiers in Lithuania.

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# Bond sells 'Irises'

By Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

Van Gogh's "Irises", the

The news, announced from the California museum last night, ends three months of speculation about the painting's future, as the Australian

Mr John Walsh, the musehas a power that nobody can

pect a peak of 9.3 per cent in ing after the stock market

# 'Think tank' chief

entist, head of the Government "think tank" in the early 1970s, banker and a countersabotage expert in MI5 during the Second World War, has died aged 79.

Although since 1975 he was chairman of the famous merchant bank that bears his name, his reputation was based on a career that embraced a huge range of talents.

Mr Edward Heath, who as Prime Minister in 1971 set up the Central Policy Review Staff - known as the think tank - said Lord Rothschild made a "major contribution to our national affairs".

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received a boost when the

corruption inquiry into the

force's serious crime squad

Guildford Four were freed by

the Court of Appeal after

revelations of alleged mal-

practice by Surrey police offi-

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carried out the hombing.

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in October the

West Midlands ordered a

In recent years, Lord Rothschild's name was linked to the Spycatcher affair.

schild, who worked in MI5 as a wartime bomb expert.

Tasmania where he was livallegations that he was a spy, following the exposure of his friend Anthony Blunt.

# for £25m

world's most expensive painting, has been sold by Mr Alan Bond to the Getty Museum for £25 million.

businessman's business empire crumbled. um's director, said: " 'Irises'

miss. A picture this important needs a permanent home, and we're overjoyed that it can be the Getty' Mr Bond bought the paint-

Riding the wave, page 27 crash of October, 1987, for £30.2 million.

# **Rothschild dies**

By Michael Evans

Lord Rothschild, brilliant sci- foreign civil service. He in-

Lord Rothschild "proved to be a stimulating influence, bringing together a remarkable team from both inside and outside the home and

together but to approach each problem that I presented to them with a fresh mind, producing both depth of analysis and a variety of possible solutions."

Mr Peter Wright became close friends with Lord Roth-

Mr Wright disclosed in 1986 that Lord Rothschild wrote to him in 1980 in ing, asking him to help rebut

# Made-to-order bamboo bloom to save pandas



By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Scientists have discovered how to make the bamboo bloom to order - a breakthrough that might have come just in time to rescue the world's declining population of pandas.

The discovery reported today has wide implications in the Far East where the plant is widely used for fodder and in construction as well as being the main diet for the panda. Its importance would be "difficult to exaggerate", according to Dr David Hanke, a senior scientist at Cambridge University.

The advance at the root of the excitement comes from an investigation into the growth of the bamboo plant. Its main varieues flower only once in a lifetime, which may follow a barren period of between 12 and 120 years. Although the blooming is a rare event,

happening perhaps only twice a century, it is catastrophic for a full-grown giant panda, which can eat 33lb a day, because the flowering makes it inedible. Moreover, the adult stems wither and

the much-loved bear, which numbers about 1,000 in the wild and fewer than 20 in capitivity, faces a famine for two to

The descriptions by botanists of the unpredictable biological clock by which stands of bamboo burst into flower and set seed seem to verge almost on the mystical. Bamboo transplanted in parks and gardens thousands of miles from its natural habitat, apparently even as cuttings, flowers exactly at the same time as relatives in Asia.

Now a group of researchers working with Dr A F Mascarenhas, at the National Chemical Laboratory, in Pune, India, with help from scientists at Wye College, London University, have

shown in the laboratory greenhouse how to break this extraordinary cycle and make bamboo flower to order. The results of the research are

published in the latest issue of the journal Nature. The scientists describe a series of experiments in which they were studying ways of accelerating plant growth and flowering by feeding the soil with various combinations of nutrients. It was after treatment with nutrient

supplement containing a plant hormone and coconut milk that the plants burst into early flower and the researchers found they could repeat the process. Dr Hanke says: "This is extraordinary in that, intact and in soil, seedlings of the

two species concerned would with

dogged persistence have grown without

flowering for 30 years." If the phenomenon is reproduced in all species of bamboo the pandas' supper can be guaranteed.

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# Poll tax average '£85 higher than reasonable'

By Philip Webster Chief Political Correspondent

The average community charge for the coming year will be £363, £85 higher than the figure set by the Government as reasonable.

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, announced the average in the Com-mons yesterday. It represents an overshoot on total local authority spending of some £3 billion above what the Government considers to be fair and reasonable.

The figure, based on budget returns from almost all local authorities, compares with the sum of £278 which Mr Patten said last November would be the average if local authorities adhered to Whitebased on a total spending assessment for the country of £32.8

The new average was given amid growing anger, some from Tory MPs, over the Government's refusal to backdate the Budget poll tax concessions for pensioners to Scottish pensioners.

Mr Teddy Taylor, a senior Tory backbencher and former Scottish Office minister, said it "insulted" the people of Scotland in a speech he made in his Southend East

Mr John Major announced on Tuesday the doubling from £8,000 to £16,000 of the upper limit of savings people can have before they lose entitlement for rebates on poll tax and other social security benefits. However angry Scottish

Labour MPs interrupted the speech, demanding these concessions be made retrospective in ignore at our peril." However Mr Scotland, where the poll tax has operated for a year.

Mr Taylor said yesterday: "As a former Scottish MP I felt like climbing the walls of the Commons with embarrassment when the Chancellor announced he was making a major concession on poll tax rebates because of the concern expressed south of the border at the new tax

"When a year ago a request was made to help the less well off in Scotland over the poll tax the Government said 'no'. Why is it when English people complain something is done immediately? "I can only describe this as an

insult on the part of the Govern-

Taylor admitted it would be near impossible to backdate the concession in Scotland.

"The right answer is to allocate an appropriate extra rate support grant to Scotland to take account of the anomaly so that every Scot would benefit," he said.

"The Scots should now knock on Mr Major's door to ask if something could be given in grant to Scotland to take account of the special circumstances there." His call was echoed in the

Commons Budget debate last night by Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, another former minister. Mr Neil Kinnock said: "Justice demands that retrospective reimbursement is made to Scottish people with retirement savings who have been paying the poll tax for a full year."

Meanwhile a group of Scottish Labour backbenchers tabled a Commons motion demanding the resignation of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, for his "failure" to secure the

poll tax concession in Scotland. Mr Donald Dewar, the shadow Scottish secretary, said thousands of Scots who should have got rebates this year had lost out. Mr Major must think again, or face a new level of bitterness and resentment from all Scots, he said.

"It would be monstrous if the small sweetener he has been able to offer was in place from day one in England and Wales while Scots

have been enmeshed in the injustice in the system for a full year." Mr Major said the Opposition misunderstood his poll tax measure, which was not a one-off

proposal. It was part of his effort to help savings - and the allowance also applied to housing benefit, he told a Treasury press conference. It had never been normal to

backdate such social security legislation and to do so this time would be almost impossible to administer, Mr Major said.

Once those people affected in Scotland realized the implications of the doubling of the savings ceiling they would take a different view from critical commentators and politicians, he said.

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# hall spending targets. They were **Community** charge 'is main Tory vote-loser'

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

voters to desert the Conservatives in droves at the Mid Staffordshire by-election.

Ninety-one per cent of those interviewed by MORI in the constituency since the Budget said they regarded the poll tax as one of the two or three most important issues.

The next significant issues were cited as interest rates (32 per cent), the National Health Service (27 per cent), edu-cation (10 per cent) and the Budget (10 per cent).

Ministers who have been to Mid Staffordshire to support the Conservative campaign admit that they have never seen a by-election so dominated by a single issue.

The voting intention figures of 55 per cent for Labour, 28 per cent Conservative, 9 per cent Liberal Democrat, 4 per cent SDP, 3 per cent for the Greens, and I per cent for Others represent a huge turnaround since the general election. Then the result was Conservative 28,644 (50.6 per cent), Labour 13,990 (24.7 per cent), Lib/All 13,114 (23.2) Ind Con 836 (1.5). The Conservative majority was 14,654 (25.9 per cent).

The MORI poll, carried out have done little or nothing to since the war. improve the Government's

posals were good or bad for

There is no doubt what has led cent believed the economy would benefit, 23 per cent believed it would not gain and 49 per cent thought it would make no difference.

Asked how they thought they would fare personally as a result of the Budget, 18 per cent thought it was good for them, 24 per cent thought it would have a bad effect and 58 per cent believed its effect would be negligible.

The researchers asked respondents intending to vote Labour if they were using their vote mainly to support Mr Kinnock's party or as a protest against the Government.

Forty-two per cent said they were mainly supporting Labour and 40 per cent said they were using their vote mainly as a protest. A further 17 per cent said they were motivated equally by both points.

MORI also asked those who intended to vote how likely they were to consider voting for a different party at the general election. Twenty-five Mr Charles Prior, the Conserper cent said they were very or fairly likely to change.

The clear victory indicated for Labour in the by-election when polling starts today confirms a trend which began in last year's by-elections. Labsince the Chancellor of the our has only once achieved a Exchequer's Budget speech, Conservative-Labour swing of suggests his efforts on Tuesday more than 14 per cent once

MORI reinterviewed 910 image, in spite of his respondents who had prebeen interviewen o tors to the irritation of the ing the campaign, 826 by telephone, 84 face to face, and Asked if they thought Mr a further 93 new respondents John Major's Budget pro- face to face. All interviews were conducted from March

the country as a whole, 28 per 20-21, 1990. HOW RECENT POLLS HAVE SEEN MID STAFFORDSHIRE

Polling		Lab	Con	Lib/ Dem	SDP	Gm	Oths
Feb 28-Mar 2	MOR! S Times	50	36	5	4	4	1
Mar 9-10	NOP D Mail	55	30	9	3	3	1
Mar 14-15	MORI S Times	55	29	9	2	3	2
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Far from the hustings: Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate in the Mid Staffordshire by-election, and her husband Keith take a woodland stroll. Conservative gloom despite sweeteners

vative candidate in the Mid Staffordshire by-election, yes-terday spoke of "frustration" at his failure to shake the Labour desences.

His remarks came as Mr Kenneth Baker sought to play down the significance of to-day's poll for the Midlands seat - in a further indication that the Tories have few hopes of keeping their 14,650

majority. This is despite minor sweeteners in the Budget which appear to have marginally favoured the Conservative

Earlier in the campaign, Mr Baker said that the world was watching this contest to see if Britain would again choose socialism. Yesterday the byelection was simply about Mr

Prior going to Westminster. The culprits needed no introduction in Mr Baker's mind: high interest rates and the poll tax. The Government

was "going through difficult times", Mr Baker said.

The Tory chairman also described Mrs Sylvia Heal, the Labour candidate, as a "phantom operating in a vacuum" -a more elegant variation on the "Barbie Doll" theme established by Mr Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader,

next general election.

He said: "It is frustrating when you are faced with a deputy leader, was anxious to candidate and a party that refuses to tell us what their policies are. But that's politics. I am not relying on negative press conference prematurely.

net Minister, gentleman farmer, and leading "wet", Mr Prior is an old-style Tory, more a friendly labrador than a rottweiler on the hustings. a warning against com-

MID STAFFS

However, there are some in his camp who think the policy decision not to adopt more aggressive tactics has been a

hours of tomorrow morning. Mrs Heal who was joined by

Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's avoid a last-minute slip. Reporters protested at one attempt to end her morning

She was "somewhat optim-As befits the nephew of istic about her prospects, and Lord Prior, the former Cabi concentrated her efforts on an concentrated her efforts on an appeal to her supporters to get out and vote. That was not to be taken as signalling a lack of confidence on her part, merely

Labour given its recent opin- Shirley Taylor-Hope, aged 44, ion poll lead of more than 20 who had just sold her hotel points in the seat.

Staffordshire presented the electorate with a rare opportunity. "Voters here have an opportunity (for) themselves Mr Neil Kinnock and had and the whole nation by abandoned thoughts of voting tomorrow.

Mr Timothy Jones, the Social and Liberal Democrat Conservative Party says withcandidate, could comfort himself with the thought that he has apparently won the race for third place, forging ahead of both the Greens and the

People who had voted Tory in the last Election spoke of their dismay over the Government's performance in the past couple of years.

Even those intending to vote Conservative were doing

System is

lacency, a real danger to so with little enthusiasm. Mrs and restaurant business and Mr Hattersley said Mid was planning to open a nursery, was worried about "crippling" interest rates. But she had a low opinion of

Mr Neil Kinnock and had in earlier exchanges.

Not that Mr Prior was ensuring that the poll tax – at Mr Prior's more relaxed admitting defeat. It would be manner this week suggests he mip-and-tuck" when votes were counted in the small panic. That is what is at stake ideas."

Admitting defeat. It would be least in its present form – is spokesmen on television putting forward "ridiculous were counted in the small panic. That is what is at stake ideas." "Labour have no policies

They just deny everything the out having positive ideas of their own.

Mr Prior's problem is that he has not been able to convey that message to a sufficient number of his party's former

1987 · General Election: J.Heddle (C), 28,644; C.St Hill (Lab), 13,990; T.Jones (L/Al), 13,114; J.Bazeley (Ind C), 836. Maj: 14,654.

#### **Airlines** 'must pay for seats oversold'

Passengers caught out by air-line overbooking should auto-matically be compensated up to the full price of an economy class ticket, the European Commission said yesterday. Airlines often try to cover themselves for passengers who do not show up by selling extra tickets.

The commission wants Europe to adopt the American system of asking volunteers to give up their places before putting others off the aircraft. Compensation would be av-ailable to all who lost a place.

Passengers who wait up to two hours for the next flight should get at least 25 per cent of the economy class price, the commission suggests. For any longer delay, compensation would be 50 per cent, and a replacement ticket.

#### AMA post

The Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities has chosen as its new secretary Mr Rodney Brooke (David Walker writes). Mr Brooke, aged 50, resigned as chief executive of Westminster after falling out with Lady Porter, the council's Conservative leader

#### Driver shot

The murder in Belfast yesterday of Mr William McClure, a Protestant driver, by gunmen of the Irish People's Liberation Organization, was the first in a possible series, security sources believe (Edward Gorman writes). Attacks by "loyalists" have left two Catholic men dead in two weeks.

#### **Family killing**

A man who murdered his newborn baby son and stabbed another infant son before killing himself on Tuesday may have done so because of overwork, Birmingham police said (Craig Seton writes). Mr Paul Garrattley, aged 27, was a - === self-employed roofing con-

#### Thames safety

Strict regulations aimed at avoiding a repetition of the Marchioness riverboat disas-ter, in which 51 people died last August, will be in force on the Thames by the holiday season (David Sapsted writes). The voluntary measures introduced after the accident will become statutory by Easter.

#### Dumbstruck

The chimes of Big Ben will be silent for the next three months as the clock undergoes essential repairs (Nigel Wilhammer arm is suffering from metal fatigue and is being

#### Driver jailed

A motorist who knocked down a woman who was eight months pregnant, causing her baby to be stillborn, was jailed for three months and fined £1 at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday (Geoff King writes). Mark Wenham, aged 25, admitted reckless driving and driving with excess alcohol.

# Fine Arts Number



Gems from the National Gallery: what paintings can say about jewels

Young British painters: why now is the time to collect them Ducal splendour: the Sutherland portraits at Dunrobin Restoring one of the Country's greatest sculpture galleries Why Edinburgh's new medal collection was such a shrewd buy

Plus the usual informed coverage of gardens, wildlife, sport, architecture, collecting, the countryside, farming, fashion and property.

COUNTRY LIFE **EVERY THURSDAY** 

### GPs reject ballot on new contracts

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Representatives of family doc- targets. GPs rejected the contors voted narrowly yesterday against balloting general prac-titioners on whether to take disruptive action over their new, performance-related A special conference of local

comes into effect on April 1. The conference also rejected ballot to find out whether

medical committees rejected

by five votes -153 to 148 - a

GPs were prepared to resign from the National Health The contracts link pay to the ability to attract new

tract by three to one in a ballot last September. Yesterday, however, the conference bowed to arguments from Dr Michael Wilson, the chairman of the General Medical Services Committee.

"Resignation would damage the NHS, inflict hardship motion to ballot Britain's on many of our colleagues and 33,000 GPs on sanctions deprive many of our patients against the contract, which of medical services," he said. Instead, the conference gave

the committee backing to continue its low-key cam-paign, with the hope of fine-tuning the terms over the next Service if the new contracts few months. All GPs are to be sent a red card to express their views on how the contract was working, and surveys are to be patients and meet screening held later this year.

# Charities benefit from big donations

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

most from the Budget's proposals for tax relief on gifts to charity. But so might some of the

less-applauded organizations on the Charity Commission's list, including bodies asso-ciated with the Unification Church (the Moonies). Benefit from the Budget will depend on how much of its income a charity gets in single, substantial donations com-

pared with small amounts

raised in appeals to the public.

From October, gifts worth

more than £600 - up to a

maximum of £5 million per

donor each year - will qualify

The National Trust, the for tax relief. The Chancellor University of Oxford and the said relief was not being given national theatre and opera to smaller donations for fear companies are likely to benefit of undermining existing

which receive larger sums look best placed to benefit, and these include the national arts companies which have established themselves as recipients of substantial gifts from business donors.

For example, the National Trust usually receives two to three "major gifts" a week while the Spastics' Society receives a gift valued at £1,000 or more about once every

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revised after CPS blunder By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Correspondent

New procedures have been introduced to avoid a repetition of the Crown Prosecution Service blunder on Saturday when 16 defendants walked free after the CPS lawyer failed to turn up.

of a preliminary inquiry, were announced yesterday by Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, Attorney General, to the Commons Sir Patrick said the incident, which occurred when a lawyer acting as an agent for the CPS

failed to cover a court hearing

at Brent, west London, was

The procedures, the result

"extremely regrettable". Some of the defendants have been recharged. The Attorney General said that in future all agent lawyers needed for court work would be "duly booked and the booking confirmed in writ-ing". There would also be contingency arrangements for when the booked lawyer, "for

attend". The CPS director for field operations had circulated all areas in England and Wales requiring them to put such procedures in place.

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#### CORRECTION.

Nine per cent of general surgery patients in Croydon health authority have been waiting for over a year, not 98 per cent as reported on March 8. The figure applies to the Letters, page 13 year ending March 31, 1989.

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# Child sex link feared over bogus social workers

By Peter Davenport

returned with a man saying they had warrants to take the

children into care. The mother

On February 1 at Lawrence

Court, Swinton, a man called

were also issued.

A team of 12 detectives yes- children or it could be part of a Barnsley, a boy aged three was terday began to investigate a series of incidents in which child." bogus social workers have examined children for sexual abuse and, on at least one occasion, tried to remove ngsters from their home iming to have court warrants to take them into care.

Senior police officers believe the incidents may be part of a determined attempt to steal children, who might then be subjected to much more serious offences.

The decision to set up the special investigation unit was taken by South Yorkshire asking them to undress completely. Police after seven separate incidents in the area since January 30. Officers have already contacted other forces and the Home Office comchallenged the couple, who then left. puter system for large inquiries, Holmes, has been

Yesterday the officer in at a house and asked to charge of the inquiry, Det Supt David Foss, said: "These mother threatened to call the people may gain some sort of police and he left. perverse sexual pleasure out of these examinations of naked Athersley North Estate at



examined by a woman claim-ing to be a social worker. She Police said they were treatproduced an identity card with a photograph which did not resemble her. ing all seven incidents as

connected and that at least two women and one man were On February 9, at Birdwell, involved. Three photofit picnear Barnsley, and again on tures of women based on February 13 at Wigbourn, descriptions given by parents Sheffield, a woman was re-ported asking about children.

The first incident was on The latest incident occurred January 30 at Park Hill Flats in Sheffield when two women posing as social workers examlast Friday at Eastwood, Rotherham, when two women asked to examine a boy aged one, saying they had reports he had been sexually or physned two young children in front of their mother after ically abused. The boy was undressed and his genitalia On February 5 one woman

Det Supt Foss said that those involved in the incidents had gone to great lengths to convince people they were genuine. On each occasion they were soberly dressed; carried briefcases and made notes on clipboards.

He appealed for anyone who had received similar visits to contact police immediately and warned all parents to On February 8, on the make stringent checks on the identity of any visitors claiming to be social workers or representing child care

> The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said yesterday that in some incidents those involved had posed as its officials.

> A spokeswoman said all members of its 66 child protection teams carried official identity cards with photographs. Anyone in any doubt should contact the society's local office before allow-

### More male university students drop out

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

Universities, notably Oxford and Cambridge, are coming under increasing pressure to boost the numbers of women they admit. The latest statistics show that men are more likely to fail or drop out of their courses than women.

its mom sities Statistical Record show that in 1988 13.8 per cent of men, aged under 21, failed or dropped out compared to 9.9 per cent of women in the same group. Women make up just under 40 per cent of the undergraduate population while at Cambridge they form 36 per cent and at Oxford 37 per cent.

The statistics also show that nearly a fifth of mature students - who are over 21 when they start college - fail to complete their degrees.

Although the pure sciences have traditionally been dominated by men, 14.2 per cent of students of the traditional age drop out, compared with 9.7 per cent of women.

Mature students tend to steer clear of the sciences because they find it difficult to catch up on factual knowledge missed since school. A quarter of men leave or fail, compared

with 19.4 per cent of women. Miss Maeve Sherlock, president of the National Union of Students, yesterday welcomed

Women have to battle to get to university in the first place. They show the ability to get through the courses either because they are brighter or because they are more deter-mined than men," she said.

The mature students' union said that older students drop Out and fail more often than younger undergraduates because of financial problems. family commitments and because they have fallen behind in studies.

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# Public funding for British arts 'lowest in West'

is lower than in nearly all other main Western countries, according to a report to be published soon.

Central and local governsecond lowest only to the million deficit. United States, the report says

Sweden spent more, the report, Cultural Trends, by the Policy Studies Institute, says.

The institute yesterday praised Mr John Major's tax concessions in his Budget on Tuesday on charitable donations to the arts as a step forward in encouraging private investment.

The report, to be published next month, discloses that as a proportion of gross domestic product, Sweden spent most, 0.24 per cent. The Netherlands was close behind at 0.23 per cent; the United Kingdom spent 0.14 per cent of its GDP on the arts and the US 0.02 per

Mr Robert Hutchison, a research body, said: "For rest of Europe." forms of support, such as tax relief, "In Britain up to now this has been pretty low in

arts. The Budget will probably help a lot." midst of financial troubles throughout Britain's national provincial arts

insitutions. The South Bank centre has reduced the number and scale of promotions for this and next year to cut its £1 million deficit by £300,000. One key

Public arts funding in Britain event to go was an exhibition on art and the First World

The board of Royal Opera House is meeting next Thursday in an attempt to find a ment spending on the arts was way of coping with its £3

The English National Opera ing on the arts in seven the end of this financial year and is existing precariously, in Canada, West Germany, spite of severe cost-cutting France, The Netherlands and and implementing all the recommendations of an efficiency study.

The English National Ballet narrowly escaped closure when its local authority grant was cut from £1.2 million to £100,000. The Arts Council stepped in to cover the shortfall and Ladbroke's is sponsoring a fund-raising gala at the Albert Hall in London next Tuesday.

But the biggest shock to affect the arts world this year was the announcement by the Royal Shakespeare Company that it is to close its two London theatres at the Barbican for four months.

Mr Terry Hands, artistic director, said: "Britain has research fellow at the institute, never adequately subsidized a leading social and economic its arts in comparison with the

historical reasons, arts fund-ing in Britain was more cen-tralized than elsewhere." The million in capital expenditure report compares indirect in services to comply with government limits to accept a
£4 million EC grant to help
finance a refurbishment of the
1890 Lyceum theatre.

terms of contributions to the Last night Mr Mark Fisher. elp a lot."

Labour spokesman on the The report comes in the arts, said: "This report says a great deal about how this government values culture. Arts are not an optional extra, they are an integral part of our social life."

Cultural Trends, Issue Five (Policy Studies Institute, 100 Park Village East, NW1 3SR;

Maestro misses Saint Laurent show

The man was missing from the Yves Saint Laurent show here yesterday (Liz Smith writes from Paris). However, his presence hovered over models in fluttering chiffon patterned in an abstract patchwork of panther markings and was palpable throughout the colourful reprise of familiar Saint Laurent themes.

Yves Saint Laurent has been in hospital since last Saturday suffering from "overwhelming exhaustion".

Metallic brocade jacket over balloon dress (left) sharing the catwalk with tartan skirts and feathered tam o'shanters. In the usual scrum backstage Pierre Bergé, president of the fashion house, and Loulou de la Falaise, Saint Laurent's design assistant, fielded the compliments normally reserved for the maestro. Saint Laurent, temporarily sans Yves, served up a vibrant, ethnic collection that

recalled the earlier peasant styles started

by Saint Laurent in the 1970s. This time

the colourfully braided and gold em-

broidered fitted jackets are buttoned in

gilt over a 1990s short sarong skirt that has a new swag to the front and a fashionable asymmetric drape.

If the swirl of tartan skirts and soft wide trews, feathered velvet tam o'shanters and green and black fitted jackets piped in red and gold had not pinpointed the inspiration, a bagpipe refrain from McCartney's "Mull of Kintyre" delivered the Highland theme.

**Saunders** 'lost trust of **Guinness** board'

Ernest Saunders was dismissed as chairman of Guinness without compensation when directors lost confidence and trust in him, a court was

told yesterday. Sir Norman Macfarlane, who replaced him as chairman, told Southwark Crown Court that Mr Saunders's position was untenable. Auditors found irregular payments in Guinness accounts which gave weight to allegations made by Mr Olivier Roux, the company's former finance director, that illegal payments had been paid during Guin-ness's £2.7 billion Distillers

takeover. Sir Norman said Mr Saunders was dismissed on January 14, 1987, five days after he had agreed to step aside, having been promised his full pay and help to clear

his name. However, the board overturned the recommendation. Sir Norman said directors had lost confidence and trust in Mr Saunders, whom it considered to have been responsible for substantial actions without telling the

Sir Norman said Mr Saunders had twice denied that the DTI inquiry had anything to do with the bid for Distillers; and Sir Norman said he was particularly concerned about a \$100 million investment in Mr Ivan Boesky's American investment company.

On January 6 the contents of the Roux letter, implicating Mr Saunders, became known. Sir Norman said he called for the suspension of both Mr Saunders and Mr Roux: "The two most important people in the company took totally opposed points of view. There was no way the board could decide which was truthful."

Mr Saunders; Gerald Ronson, chairman of Heron International; the stockbroker Anthony Parnes; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act.

The trial continues today

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#### Langford's battle to build orangery jolts Victorians By Ronald Faux

The collapse of Lord Lang-furd's ramshackie conser-were supported by Rhuddian vatory at Bodryhddan Hall Borough Council, by Cadw, near Rhuddian in Clwyd was the Welsh heritage society, exercising the Victorian Soci- and Lord Anglescy, chairman he said. of the Historic Buildings The gales that breached the Council for Wales.

Mr Peter Howell, chairman sea walk at Towyn also reduced to a ruin the 115-year- of the Victorian Society, said old wood-and-glass structure the idea of replacing the original plan for the hall, it which Lord Langford seeks to conservatory with an orangery was a second thought and was misguided. replace with an orangery in the style of Robert Nessield, the

He said the historical back-Victorian architect who carried out works on the 17thbeen professionally that Lord Langford's conser-

century pile, well known for investigated. Council, thought it a package any attempt to replicate it would result in a "loss of A public inquiry into the deal bought from a catalogue plans yesterday heard evition against a screen wall on dence that the changes should not be allowed and the conser-

the south side of the hall. "In an ideal world, had it on the hearing to the Secretary restored in an identical style. not deteriorated beyond the of State for Wales.

position where it was no longer economically viable to restore it, I would have thought it should be retained." The building had some

intrinsic ment but was beyond economic restoration. The conservatory was not on the never part of the hall design. Miss Elizabeth Foulkes, an

vatory, an elegant and inits elegance, armour and a Mr Jon James, conservation teresting building, had reach-3.000-year-old Egyptian officer for Clwyd County ed the end of its useful life and subtlety and innovation".

Mr Michael Parsons, the inquiry inspector, will report

# **Solicitors** in fight back on house sales

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

ancing scheme devised by the for up to six months. Law Society to make house sales quicker and simpler.

marketing campaign, the most aimed at reinforcing the strengths of solicitors in the house-buying market.

It will also revolutionize traditional house-buying pro- an estimate of costs. cedures, shifting much of the work in the conveyancing

cing in the 21st century."

The scheme, called Trans-Action, was the first step to ensure solicitors "beat the competition" and that they were the predominant source of advice.

Solicitors who have joined standardized and "jargon-free" procedure for buying and selling houses.

Mr Tony Girling, the Law Society council member promoting the scheme, said it was a "major modification" in conveyancing procedures.

When TransAction is used

More than 8,000 solicitors' tion, including the local au-firms in England and Wales thority search, which the seller yesterday took part in the will pay for. The validity of national launch of a convey-ancing selected deviated by the search will be guaranteed

Sellers will draw up a statement of all fixtures and fittings Backed by a £250,000 to be included. Standard forms of contract and conambitious undertaken by the ditions of sale will be ap-law Society, the scheme is proved by Clarity, the lawyers' campaign for plain English.

Clients will receive a increasingly competitive information guide and file telling them what is being done at every stage, including

Sellers will collect all legal buyer to the house-seller.

Mr John Hayes, secretary general of the Law Society, said. "This gives solicitors the house-seller buyers could clinch a deal "almost immediately", Mr Girling said. Time saved could be a said. said: "This gives solicitors the much as two months, the time appropriate role in conveyantaken by some councils to process searches.

The scheme, which is being promoted in cinemas, post of-fices and in the press, has been well received by solicitors.

It was criticized however by the Society of Licensed Conveyancers, which said it would the scheme will undertake a not save time. Many of the procedures were already used by conveyancers, it said.

Mr Michael Joseph, author of The Conveyancing Fraud, said the house transfer system could be simplified so that solicitors need not be involved at all.

A consumer helpline to the seller's solicitor will put contact solicitors offering together all standard informaHouse for sale with vested interest



where the rector has the ancient right of its use as a vestry.

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Church Farmhouse in the village of Dale Abbey, Derbyshire, is a four-bedroomed semi-detached residence - but no ordinary semi. Its other half is the local church, and under a right dating to the 12th century the rector has the use of its sitting room as a vestry.

The Grade I listed house, the only one in the area, looks on to the churchyard, while the back of the church is in the house garden and a door connects the two parts of the building. Although it is bricked up, the owners can hear the services through the wall. The rector, the

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Rev Ian Gooding, said yesterday that the situation had always been accepted by the occupants. "There are various conditions attached, including my right to use the sitting room to change for

Church Farmhouse is now for sale at £220,000 and the new owner must be prepared for 10,000 tourists a year visiting the church and the ruins near by of a 12th-century abbey. There is also a hermit's cave in the garden.

Mr John Kemp, the present owner of the house, said: "I have had to eject a few people I have found camping in the cave." He said that whoever bought the property would have an exceptional, pretty home full of historic interest. His wife, Margaret, added that it was a lovely place to live in despite the odd arrangement. "It has never bothered us and we do not expect it will upset the next

Before the Kemps bought their part of the building it was traditionally the home of the church verger, caretaker and keyholder. It was only an accident of history, after the whole estate, including the building, was sold off, that it became possible for a private buyer to move in. Mr Gooding hopes the new buyer might return it for its former purpose.

# Pay equality ruling brings new dilemma to employers

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Britain's employers, facing made easier through the use of huge and potentially infla-better equipment. tionary wage increases for women demanding equal pay for work of equal value, are ruing the day when Miss Julie Hayward joined Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead, Merseyside, as a cook.

The legal precedent she set of equal pay for work of equal value means employers are now confronted with the dilemma of having to treat women equally while facing the wrath of men whose differentials and time-honoured status as "bread winners" is under threat.

This week's decision by Marks & Spencer to give its 44,000 sales assistants. mainly women, a 26 per cent pay rise over three years while freezing the wages of 3,000 warehouse staff, mainly men. paves the way for a battle of the sexes which could harm labour relations.

Yesterday M&S warehousemen at Derby who, like their colleagues, have been given only a one-off £500 payment, staged a one-day protest strike. The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) meanwhile said it had been inundated with complaints.

In a landmark legal decision almost two years ago, the Law Lords ruled that Miss Hayward's job was as important as that of males who were painters, joiners and thermal insulation engineers. She was backed by the

n and her union, the GMB, which warned that other employers could expect similar legal challenges. Since then there have been a

Equal Opportunities Com-

swathe of such cases brought before industrial tribunals.

Although Marks & Spencer denies its award was influenced by equal pay legislation, its move came only a day after Sainsbury gave rises of between 8.5 per cent and 21 per cent to 60,000 retail staff after a job evaluation exercise designed to comply with the concept of equal pay for work of equal value.

Retail companies argue that while the jobs of women checkout assistants have be-

The M&S award demonstrates that employers are aware that unions and individuals are willing to use the 1983 amendment to the 1970 Equal Pay Act, which allowed for equal pay for work of equal value, and which was virtually forced on the Government by the European Commission.

Mr Bill Connor, deputy general secretary of Usdaw. which has been in the forefront of the equal pay cam-paign, called on M&S, a largely non-unionized com-pany, to meet for talks. Fair pay, he said, should not be achieved at the expense of freezing the wages of employees who happened to be men.

Usdaw has dropped an equal pay test case against Sainsbury's after taking part in a job evaluation exercise, although Mr Garfield Davies, general secretary, has warned other high street employers to expect action against them if they refuse to review pay structures.

Several employers in the financial sector have begun iob evaluation exercises after an industrial tribunal claim by six secretaries and typists at Lloyds Bank seeking equal pay to senior male messengers. The bank is appealing against a first tribunal decision in the women's favour.

Yesterday, following the M&S and Sainsbury's awards, Tesco managers were meeting Usdaw negotiators to discuss pay rises for the company's 79,000 staff. Safeway is expected to announce pay in-creases for its staff in the next

 The Banking, Insurance and Finance Union yesterday responded quickly to the Government's new tax con-cessions for working mothers by drawing up claims for hundreds of workplace nurs-eries for its 170,000 members. (Ray Clancy writes).

The union, which has been campaigning for several years for nurseries and career breaks for women starting a family, said the banks, building societies and financial organizations should now speed up the introduction of creches. They come more complex, the jobs are to no longer be a taxable of warehouse staff have been benefit.

### Timman in heroic fight with Karpov

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

The Dutch grandmaster Jan which allows for the champ-timman is fighting for sur-ionship to be organized by a vival in his world chess qualifying final in Kuala Lumpur against Anatoly Karpov, the Soviet Union's former world champion.

The seventh game in the best of 12 series, played last night, was the most exciting. Although it ended in a draw after 43 moves, Timman made heroic efforts to win; on the 22nd move, in a fearfully complex position, he missed the chance to sacrifice a rook for his opponent's knight, which would probably have given him a decisive attack.

After this draw Karpov has 41/2 points and Timman, who has not won a game, 21/2. Karpov needs two more points to qualify for a renewed world championship chall-enge against Garry Kasparov later this year.

According to Kasparov, the challenge match is scheduled to have its first half in New York, starting in October, and the second half in Lyons in

November.

Kasparov said all difficulties had been cleared away since Señor Florencio Campomanes, president of the World Chess Federation and Kasparov's bitter rival for control of world chess, signed an agreement in Paris on Tuesday

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ionship to be organized by a neutral committee. Since 1948 such matches

have been organized solely by the World Chess Federation, but the neutral committee will include members of Kasparov's rival Grandmaster Association.

With vast revenues in prize money and television contracts at stake (the prize fund is likely to be at least \$2 million) the division of spoils between the ruling body and the grandmasters represents an important step for the grandmasters' organization.

The moves from the seventh game in Kuala Lumpur were (Timman playing white).

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# MP wants 'dirty beach' signs to warn sea bathers

breach the European Commission's bathing water standards, the Government was

told yesterday.

It could lead to signs appearing in 97 of the 401 main coastal resorts which do not come up to the standard. Sir Hugh Rossi, chairman of the Commons environment committee, demanded government action because of the

evidence of health hazards from sewage discharges. Local authorities, he said, have been reluctant to warn bathers of the dangers for fear of damaging tourist trade.

The diseases range from stomach upsets, sore eyes and throats to polio and hepatitis. Officials and scientists have not ruled out the remote risk of contracting the Aids virus from direct contact with sewage in sea water.

The committee's warning comes in the wake of an international study from the UN Environment Programme on Monday which found an increase in the threat to public and marine life from sewage and other pollutants in coastal

Warning signs should be party House of Commons committee that for years his placed on British beaches that committee has extended its natients had complained of investigation into pollution of beaches by two months to gather new evidence on the health hazards.

In a dispute with the committee, Mr Dennis Roberts, a Department of the Environment official, emphasized the administrative difficulties in putting up signs and the defects in the EC's bathing water directive.

But after pressure from the committee, Mr Roberts agreed to hold an urgent meeting with the Department of Health to decide how to fulfil the committee's demand for signs similar to those on many continental beaches. Mr Roberts argued that the

decision to put up signs is for local authorities and the department had no policy, but discussions were under way with the National Rivers Sir Hugh told him: "The great British public is very

impatient with administrative difficulties being put to them as an excuse for no action." Sir Hugh also cited the case of a family doctor on the

patients had complained of respiratory and other ailments during certain weather conditions in which heavy spray blown in from the coastal sewage slick hit the town.

Mr David Trippier, the environment minister nounced in January that 97 of Britain's main beaches still failed EC standards last year, representing 24 per cent of all identified bathing waters.
They included Blackpool:

Lynmouth and Combe Martin, Devon; East Looe, Cornwall; Lyme Regis, Dorset; Ventnor, Bembridge and Cowes on the Isle of Wight; Hove, East Sussex; the Kentish beaches of Folkestone Ramsgate and Herne Bay, and Cromer, Cleethorpes and Whitby on the East Coast. Mr Chris Patten, Secretary

of State for the Environment has announced a £3 billion investment to modernize sew age treatment and disposal. An inquiry started last night after 100 gallons of oil were spilled while being loaded on to a tanker at Esso's Fawley refinery in Hampshire. Some oil was washed ashore at

# Impromptu knees-up in Red Square



flew from Gatwick to Moscow for a four-hour coach tour of the Soviet capital, organized by Euro Express of Crawley, West Sussex. The company ran similar visits to East Berlin last year and is planning more trips to Moscow from Manchester and Gatwick airports. Mrs May Lye, left, Mrs Dorothy Trousdale and Mrs Yvonne Evans paid £199 each for the tour.

#### Impact of forestry to be examined

By Kerry Gill

A study of the environmental impact of forestry throughout Britain is to be initiated later this year, the Forestry Industry Committee of Great Britain announced in Edin-

Mr Craig Campbell, of the committee, said that the move was in response to increasing concern. Admitting that the industry had "raised the hack-les" of environmentalists, particularly over conifer planting in Caithness and Sutherland, he emphasized that planters themselves were now doing all they could to meet criticisms.

New policies, he said, could create mixed species planting, leaving natural areas for indigenous wildlife.

Agreement in principle for the FICGB study was arrived at last week. The body to carry out the nationwide assessment

will be appointed shortly.

However, Mr Sandy Murray, secretary of Timber
Growers UK, said that increased tree planting was vital to meet the needs of the

processing industries. Areas being planted in Britain, he said, had fallen from a high point of 28,000 hectares a few years ago to 13,000. This year, the figure was likely to be as low as 10,000 hectares.

# Patten heading for new 'green' dispute with EC

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

renewed clash with environment ministers from northern Europe today when the European Community attempts in Brussels to establish a common position on measures to combat the green-

The move, which is likely to be backed by The Netherlands, West Germany, Den-mark and France, would commit member states to no further increases in their emissions of the principal "green-house gas", carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), which is produced by coal-fired power stations and

motor vehicles. will not be

The United Kingdom regards the Brussels initiative as reached in 10 years' time. premature as the international the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

The draft resolution which ministers are being asked to agree calls for "a clear clear calls for "a clear calls for "a

On the basis of these findings the World Climate Conattempt to draw up a worldwide plan of action to combat it strongly and support is

global warming.
Britain prefers to wait for

Some EC member states,

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of istration in the US, in particu-State for the Environment, lar, is showing reluctance to looks likely to be involved in a come to grips with the problem.

At a conference in Noordwijk in Holland last November, Britain and the other EC countries committed themselves to stabilizing their emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> by the year 2000. The United States, Japan and the Soviet Union refused to accept the date and said only that emissions should be stabilized "as soon as possible

Although Britain agreed to 2000, there was no mention in the final Noordwijk declaration of the key question of what baseline level for stabililization should be set.

The Dutch and French supported by Britain and as a pushed hard for stabilization result Mr Patten, who at the at present levels, meaning result Mr ration, who at the recent North Sea Conference in The Hague was subjected to a barrage of criticism over dumping of industrial waste and sewage studge at sea, may once more be in the firing line.

The United Kingdom re-

This question is back on the community is already fully table and likely to be the engaged in an assessment of prime source of disagreement. The draft resolution which

which will announce its commitment by industrialized conclusions at the end of countries to stabilize their CO2 emissions by the year It goes on: "Such stabiliza-

ference, which follows in tion should be, in principle, at Geneva in November, will the present level." The Dutch are likely to back

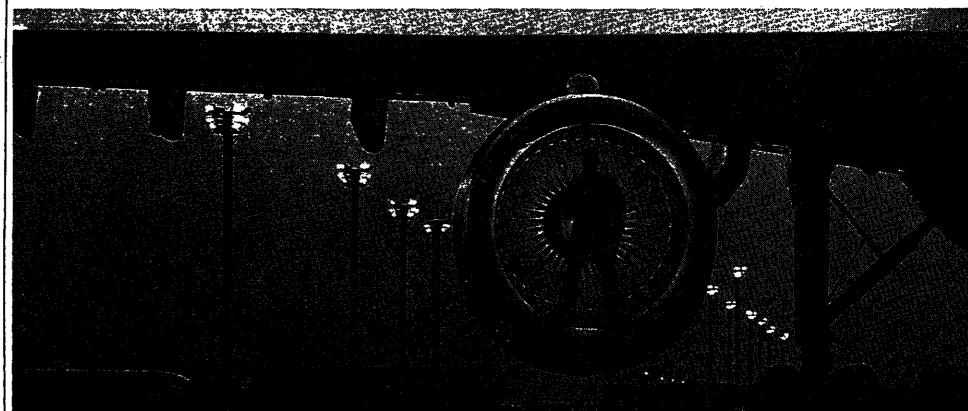
likely to be forthcoming from West Germany, France and the full IPCC report before Denmark, whose environdeciding precisely on what ment minister, Mrs Lone action to take, rather than be Dybkjaer, was Mr Patten's "bounced" into a sudden sternest critic at the North Sea conference.
The Environment White

however, and a number of Paper Mr Patten is preparing environmental pressure for the autumn will tackle groups, feel that Europe has an carbon dioxide emissions, but opportunity to take a world it was being made clear in Whitehall yesterday that there In the continuing IPCC was no question of Mr Patten negotiations the Bush adminsing today's EC initiative.

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### Cornish parishes vote on sewage

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South West Water wants to

schemes.

Environment, had said in mittee, said. January that he was minded to Environment has said a final Baty, an engineering director,

decision was "imminent".

More than 15,000 people go to the polls today in a lastminute effort to halt plans to and pump it across the penindump raw sewage off the coast of Cornwall. They are the through a mesh screen and voters of the three parishes dumped one and a half miles that ring St Ives Bay: St Ives.

Have Comment at the rate of 2,000 litres a second.

The new scheme will help to build a £63 million pipeline to clean the badly polluted take sewage from the Pen- beaches of Mount's Bay. Howzance area, pump it across the ever, north coast residents fear country and into the sea off their own award-winning the north coast at St Ives Bay.
It could be the last new long sea outfall pipe for unrecated sewage before the European Commission and there are many Commission outlaws similar people who are very unhappy about it." Mr John Pollard, a Although Mr Chris Patten, local teacher who chairs the St the Secretary of State for the Ives Bay Sewage Action Com-

South West Water believes approve the project, his recent that building an inland treatannouncement to ban sewage dumping in the North Sea by 1998 had nised hopes of a U-turn. The Department of the Environment by sould a first outling an intained theorem ment works could add more than £20 million to the cost of the scheme. "The customer will have to pay," Mr Bob Date on engineering directors.

Nearly 3,000 people have Mr Alan Pearce, the Departwritten letters of protest. Now, ment of the Environment's oters from the three parishes chief water pollution inspechave successfully petitioned tor, is recommending that the for a referendum, although the scheme be approved: "The sea result will not be binding. has a very substantial capacity. The pipeline will take all the to absorb and purify sewage." **PANAM** 

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# County's parents press for teacher pay rise of £3,000

fer teacher shortages as severe top of the two-stage 8.3 per problems. as the worst affected areas of cent deal agreed by the Goveast London by next year if erument last month to encouraction is not taken to improve age staff to stay in the county.

Pay, ministers were told The survey also showed that, for the first time, English

London by January.

In Tower Hamlets, the area with the most vacancies in the country, more than 300 children have been unable to start school since September because there are not enough

teachers. Hundreds more pupils are sent home daily because schools depend on large num-bers of part-time staff, some children aged only five have had as many as three class

The survey of 231 schools, carried out by the Surrey Federation of Parent Teacher Associations, showed the number of vacant posts in the times higher than the national

A survey by parents in had joined mathematics, sci-Surrey found the number of ence and foreign languages as trebled in 18 months and the staff. It also raised fears that shortage is expected to reach recruitment problems in prithe same level as parts of east mary schools would become more acute because one in three teachers was due to retire in the next decade.

> risen from 70 in January 1988 to 252 by last October. The researchers said there would be no full-time teachers left in Surrey schools by 1996 if the trend continued

Primary schools were worst affected, with 5.1 per cent of changed almost daily. teaching posts vacant com-pared with a national average of 1.9 per cent. In secondary schools 2.9 per cent of teach-

ing jobs were unfilled.

The report said the concentration of shortages in key county was two and a half National Curriculum subjects confirmed parental fears that average. A fifth of all teachers children were being taught by in Surrey changed jobs last staff not qualified in the

The Home Counties will suf- increase of £3,000 a year on factor behind the staffing

A spokesman for the National Union of Teachers (NUT) said: "That Surrey should be facing the same problems as Tower Hamlets is shocking. I only hope that the Deputy Prime Minister and unfilled teaching vacancies in a subject for which schools the chairman of the Conser-the county had more than had difficulty in recruiting vative Party, who both have constituencies in the county. will encourage the Government to take action."

The publication of the Surrey survey coincided with the release of details of teacher The number of teaching shortages in Haringey, north posts vacant in the county has London. The study found 76 primary and 35 secondary school classes had no permanent teacher. Two-thirds of the primary classes and a third of those affected in secondary schools were being taught by part-time casual staff who

Of those taught by full-time staff, 11 primary classes had been taught by three or more teachers in the past year. In nine primary schools more than half of the staff had resigned over same period.

Miss Jane Chan, president of the Haringey branch of the NUT, which carried out the survey, said: "This appalling year - 60 per cent more than the national figure - and the highest turnover rate was in the high cost of living in country teachers have escaped the rural south-west of the Surrey, where house prices from our profession, which is county.

Surrey, where house prices from our profession, which is remain among the highest in no longer valued in terms of



The report called for a pay Britain, was the principal pay or working conditions." A sentry in Second World War uniform at the entrance to one of the tunnels yesterday.

# Dover's warren of secret tunnels opens to public

Castle was the place Winston Churchill would often visit; his cigar doubtless glowing in the sharp Channel wind and his gaze firmly out to sea, watching for the Germans only 20 miles away on the

The White Cliffs of Dover have been Britain's front line sitioned in seven brick-lines many times, and defences set up during three of her bleakest moments are now being opened for public view.

A warren of tunnels, originally hewn from the chalk cliffs as gun emplacements when Napoleon threatened to invade, found new life in 1939 when Hitler threatened

They were extended to make a bomb-proof military headquarters 200ft beneath the clifftop. In 1940 they became the nerve centre of Operation Dynamo, which "We are just creating a safe turned defeat into victory, environment for the public lifting 337,000 Allied troops from the Dunkirk beaches. A quarter of a century later

at the height of the Cold War the tunnels were converted, this time into a bunker for a regional seat of government if a nuclear war broke out.

was a state secret until only two years ago when the Go ernment finally moved out of the 3.5 miles of tunnel beneath Dover Castle and presented the dark remains to English Heritage. It has spent almost

When Britain faced its darkest £250,000 removing tons of hour, the cliffs under Dover asbestos lining, installing Castle was the place Winston ities for visitors.

The tunnels occupy three levels, codenamed Annexe Casemate and Dumpy. On May 14 Dame Vera Lynn will open the first stage of the restoration, Casemate, where 36-pounder canons were potunnels to batter Napoleon's invasion barges should they venture into the harbour 400

below. Mr Jack Lohman, project co-ordinator, plans 50. minute guided tours through three periods of British history. Unlike present trends to recreate the past with tab. leaux, the tunnels will be left much as their last tenant, the Home Office, left them.

"I believe people are fed up with heritage presented as a cliché," Mr Lohman said and letting them use their imagination.

One feature for visitors will be a terrace high over Dover Harbour, where three of the gun tunnels open to the sea. Here Churchill was often

wont to spend a couple of Although local people have hours, listening to modern known about the maze of artillery shelling German burrowings, their existence positions on the French coast. It was the fierce gun duels across the narrow streets that earned this point on the Kent coast its wartime nickname of Hellfire Corner. That has now been adopted as the title of a new tourist venue.

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# Planning 'must start' on charge for road users

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

London by the mid-1990s, according to a report pub-

lished yesterday. The institute recommends Paying for Progress, by the two types of electronic road Chartered Institute of Transport, says failure to begin planning road pricing now will mean accepting unnecessary increases in traffic congestion, and "billions of pounds' worth of inefficiency in the national economy".

The anticipated increase in vehicle numbers from 22 million to 34 million by 2025, undertaken in the 1960s and 1970s is no longer an option, means the introduction of road pricing to control consestion is simply a question of time, the report said.

The length of the national road network has increased by 5 per cent in the last decade and the motorway system has been extended by 33 per cent, less than I per cent of all

The road network has not, therefore, been expanding at the same rate as increases in traffic densities and it is Secretary of State for Transexpected to continue trailing behind, in spite of the recent expansion of the national road-building programme.

Although increased road capacity and improved traffic management would help reduce delays, they would not solve congestion "on their own", the report said. The institute says drivers

must be confronted with the full cost of the congestion they cause, if traffic flow is to be improved. "Users of roads, like the users of any other valuable

and limited resource, should pay all the costs arising from their use. Only then will the decisions on whether, when, where and how to travel be made correctly," the report

It said road pricing would Mr Parkinson: Ruled out be entirely in line with the

A comprehensive system of move towards greater ecoelectronic road pricing, in nomic freedom: it will estabwhich motorists are charged lish a market mechanism for using congested roads, where hitherto one has been should be introduced in lacking". It would also prowhere hitherto one has been duce significant environmental improvements.

pricing: the automatic vehicle identification system which records vehicle movements and bills drivers for their use of roads; and a "smartcard" system, in which motorists buy cards similar to telephone cards that are inserted into meters inside their vehicles

before they can drive. "The most logical area for combined with growing road pricing for London will awareness that large-scale extend out to the M25," the road-building such as that report said. The system could be set up for about £80 million, producing efficiency gains of about £400 million a year, and revenues of more than £600 million a year.

The Department of Transport welcomed the report as "an interesting contribution to the current debate on road pricing". However, a spokesman said: "It underplays some although it still accounts for of electronic road pricing's practical problems, such as the lack of a proven technology, and the difficulties of

enforcement. Mr Cecil Parkinson, the port, earlier ruled out the possibility of road pricing, pointing out that if I per cent of motorists evaded charges, it would result in millions of

offences having to be investigated and prosecuted.

electronic road pricing.

#### Nurse is sent for trial

The unemployed nurse accused of kidnapping the newborn baby Alexandra Griffiths was sent in custody for trial at Southwark Crown Court, south London, by Horseferry Road magistrates yesterday.

Miss Janet Griffiths, aged 33, of The Old Police House, weeps Lane, Burford, Oxford, is charged with abducting the 36-hours-old child from St Thomas's Hospital, London, on January 11.

Drugs find

Customs officers at Ramsgate, Kent, yesterday discovered 220kg of cannabis worth £750,000 on a lorry which arrived from Dunkirk. The British driver was being questioned.

#### **Bus order**

A £12 million order for 50 double-deck Leyland buses has been signed by Citybus of Hong Kong, which has now ordered 103 in all.

Phone hoaxer

A hoaxer is telephoning parents in Prudhoe, Northumber-

land, claiming he has abduc-ted their child from school. Pensioner dies

Mr Harold Broadhead, aged 73, of Staveley, near Chester-field, died in hospital after a collision with a cyclist. The rider, believed to be a boy aged 14, did not stop.

Hippies gather More than 1,000 hippies and

travellers arrived at Stonehenge, Wiltshire, yesterday to celebrate the Spring equinox. There were scuffles as they were asked to leave, but no arrests were made. **Bomb** alert

A Second World War bomb.

believed to contain mustard gas, has been uncovered by building work at Pocklington, North Humberside.

Vandal patrol

West Hallam parish council, Derbyshire, has hired a private security firm for a twomonth trial to try to deter vandals after a spate of

# Cruellest year for animals

weilers, Dobermanns and American pit bull terriers,

victims of what Mr Richard

Davies, chief superintendent

of its inspectorate, called "the

tors called to an abandoned

four puppies hammered to

your arm".

death.

The RSPCA yesterday re- secutions for cruelty, of which are handicapped by the inadported its highest ever annual 1,131 concerned dogs. figures for animal cruelty.

Its inspectors received well over one million calls last increase in cases involving year, and investigated nearly 83,000 complaints of cruelty. aggression, such as Rott- to impose lifelong banning There was a 30 per cent increase in cruelty to cats and a 164 per cent increase in cruelty to farm animals.

Mr Gavin Grant, its campaigns director, described the fashion for walking down the statistics as "stark, depressing street with a powerful dog on and bornifying".

Pointing out that dogs were the most frequent victims of abuse, Mr Grant renewed the squat found an adult Rott-RSPCA's call for a com-pulsory national registration correct 120lb weight. In the and identification scheme to worst case of dog cruelty, finance a network of dog inspectors from Bath found wardens who would compile information on irresponsible owners and breeders.

equacy of the law and our The society is particularly position within it. concerned by a disturbing "Magistrates are often too

lenient, leaving us bewildered breeds with a reputation for and perplexed at their failure ● A couple who kept two dogs

in "concentration camp" conditions were yesterday banned from keeping animals for life by Bristol magistrates.

Charles O'Reiley and Phyllis Holmes, both of South-In one case, he said, inspect mead, Bristol, were fined £600 and £400 respectively for causing unnecessary suffering

After the case Miss Julic Glynn, for the RSPCA, said:

"I have been prosecuting animai cruelty cases for 10 years and this is the first time I have Mr Grant said: "Too often, known of a life ban being Last year the RSPCA after long and painstaking imposed. The animals were in brought 2,026 successful pro- inquiries by our inspectors, we

opportunities of the 1990s, Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor of

the Exchequer said. Resuming the four-day Budget debate in the Commons, he attacked the community charge and said that yesterday's concession had been a panic re-action to a wave of anger from one end of the country to the

Much of the argument was rightly about the unfairness of the tax, the most unfair tax in the world. No other country had about doing so.

Mr Smith opened by con-granulating Mr Major on the "pleasant and competent" way in which he had introduced his

He said that many of the noncontroversial proposals would attract little if any hostility from

There was widespread approval for introducing independent taxation for men and women, even if there would be serious debate about some of the

grounds was welcome. Other sports, such as cricket, rugby umon, rugby league and athlet-ics, also had a strong case for receiving equivalent assistance. It remained to be seen how far the new savings plan attracted new rather than diverted sav-

Many families in Britain would feel, as they struggled with mortgage repayments and poll tax and high prices at every hand, that a chance would be a hand, that fine thing.

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"They have a hard enough task to make ends meet, let alone find £150 a month for a

One got the impression that, over the past few months, Treasury officials had combed their files and searched among the shelves looking for useful administrative changes to offer the Chancellor to fill out his

sions from the Budget. The word "environment" was never uttered and there was no ref-erence to child benefit which should have been increased to at

He was happy to accept the Chancellor's objectives: bring-ing down inflation and enabling Britain to seize the economic opportunities of the 1990s.

"But I believe that the Budget was at best irrelevant and at

This Government had said more about inflation than any assure their electors that the problem had been solved.

tanic force invading like a plague about which little could be done. The Government be done. The Government could not blame the "nasty foreigners" or the last Labour

"Britain's inflation was made at home and the authors are on the Government front bench and the odd one on the back

Despite all the talk about bearing down on inflation, the Government kept scoring infla-tionary own goals.

It was to blame for increased prices in public transport, electricity, water, prescription charges and for the high rise in council rents yet to come.

The Government had chosen usuriously high interest levels of 15 per cent as its exclusive means of attack. Looking at the consequences on mortgage rates showed the inflationary result of interest rates. No wonder that there were high wage claims as people struggled to make ends meet in the face of new im-

Now there was a new twist, a new boost to inflation, in poll tax. With the bills coming in, people were discovering what the tax meant for ordinary family budgets.

The bills were about a third higher than domestic rates, raising an extra £3 billion this year, standard rate of income tax.

"The double effect of mortgage increases and poll tax is bitting ordinary families hard." Much of the argument was rightly about the unfairness of the tax. the most unfair tax in

the world. No other country had adopted it or even thought about doing so. No wonder that few on the Conservative front or back benches were seeking to claim credit for poll tax. Few would

want to have that in their Rather than being called after ministers who had had a hand in devising it, it should be called the Thatcher tax because the Prime Minister had pursued it

ruthlessiy and trampled on wiser counsels, even on wiser counsellors, in doing so. Before rushing to a judgement on what it should be called they should by Mr Michael Heseltine. Labour MPs: Where is he?

Mr Smith: Probably out working hard for the Conser-vative Party in the country. He is indefatigable in support of the Government and the present leader of the Conservative Party, although I do not know whether she understood that when he said he would take no part in an election contest, he

for her (Labour laughter). other in history. At the last election, some Conservative mPs had been rash enough to mess and explosive inflation and nothing more deserved to be called a Tory tax.



sion on that tax had been a panic reaction to a wave of anger from one end of the country to the other. The Opposition had argued for relief on the capital limit, but had been given little shrift by ministers at the time.

"But circumstances alter cases and by-election circum-stances in particular alter cases and we welcome the relaxation of an unjust rule against which we campaigned."

Those, however, who be-lieved that they would benefit might be disappointed.

Now the Government had to explain what it would do about the injustice inflicted upon a substantial part of the country, Scotland, where poll tax was already being paid.

He did not think, from the Chancellor's demeanour yesterday, that there was a calculated plot against the people of Scotland, but that it was much simpler: the Government had again forgotten that Scot-land existed.

In reply to an intervention by Mr Alexander Salmond (Banff and Buchan, SNP), he said that it would not take Labour four years to get rid of poll tax, and a Labour government would al-ways take care to make sure that people were treated fairly throughout the United King-

The Budget was supremely irrelevant to the economic cirucumstances, with growth predicted at just 1 per cent, inflation remaining depressingly high, interest rates staying high, and the trade deficit heavily in the red this year, next year and the year after.

The Chancellor had noted that the downturn in economic activity would be sharp, which was a change from the 1988 Budget. In those happy, heady days Mr Nigel Lawson had declared that there had been an economic miracle.

The UK was now bottom of the inflation league, bottom of the growth league and had the worst trade deficit in Europe. itive and productive economy, which alone could secure suc-cess, was yet to occur. Achieving

bilize currencies, reduce interest rates and inflation, and encourage investment. However, what Mr Major had said about that

Mr Peter Lilley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that membership of the ERM was not a magic potion to keep exchange rates stable; it was a

Mr Smith said that entry into the system would require acceptance of a number of disciplines and obligations to maintain currencies within a certain

Britain would not make the crucial move to a genuinely productive economy until the Government understood and accepted its responsibility to lead a partnership between Government and industry to achieve

Once again, by its irrelevant Budget, the Government had shirked its crucial responsibility to initiate economic policies and to permit people and industry to new European market.

For Britain to have a real future in the 1990s it required, above all other changes, a change of government.

Mr Norman Lamout, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said that the Budget was right for the economic circumstances. It was cautious and firm. It was accompanied by a tight monetary policy which was part of the ent's commitment to

To those who argued that the Budget was not tight enough, the Government could point to the fiscal surplus that was unequalled anywhere in the world, and to an economy that had shown extraordinary resilience. It was necessary for the

economy to slow down after the extraordinary growth of recent years. That process was begin-ning, but a further slowing was It was not too much to ask of

businesses or the people to accept a period of pause when they had such an extraordinary period of growth for many years. The tax measures in the

Budget were broadly neutral, but it was a remarkable testimony to the tax-cutting record of the Government that the Budget was the first since 1981 national insurance contribu-

Merely to have put up tax by l billion, £2 billion or £3 billion with an economy of over £500 billion, would have been marginal and made no dif-The increase in inflation was

partly the result of the interest-rate cuts in 1987, which had been too much, in response to the stock market crash, but Mr Smith had then urged the Gov-ernment to go further. Part of

the problem had been the confident outlook of people

The boom of the past few years had owed nothing to any fiscal stimulus from the Government. Government spending had grown only slightly over this period, and it was a convenient fiction put out by Mr Smith that the 1988 Budget had cut taxes

Growth of demand had been the response of UK firms and individuals to financial de-regulation. The private sector had borrowed heavily moved into financial deficit on a scale not seen for years.

But this rapid growth in private sector spending had been essentially an expression of and its future prospects.

Clearly this remarkable growth in demand had been a monetary one, so the response should be a monetary one, too. Mr Richard Douglas (Dun-fermline West, Ind Lab) asked what part the Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Malcolm Rilkind) had played in Cabinet in agreeing that there should be

Mr Lamont said that he did not think it would be practical to implement this change retrospectively in Scotland. It would create all sorts of administrative problems and anomalies.

no restrospective action for

People's income and savings might have changed. Where they lived might have changed. It would be extraordinarily diffi-cult to introduce such a change retrospectively.

There was another argument against. Capital limits applied not just to community charge benefits but also to housing benefit and income support.

The level of rebate that applied to the community charge last year in Scotland also applied to ratepayers in England.

"If you were to make a change retrospectively, it would be extremely difficult not to justify making further changes for rate payers in England as well." Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Kincardine and Deeside, C)

said that the community charge had brought many more people within the net of local government taxation.

For many, particularly the elderly, the level of local government taxation had risen far beyond inflation. The unfairness was felt on the Conservative benches as well as

on the Labour side. Was there not some other action he could take? Could he consider com-Mr Lamont said he did not

believe they could make a concession. They could not split community charge benefit from housing benefit. "You cannot do that if you are going to introduce this scheme in this Mr Smith's analysis of the

economy was wholly flawed. He had a capacity for grabbing the wrong end of any stick that happened to be around.

> Peter Jay, page 12 Leading article, page 13

# Rejoicing 'may turn to tears'

Political contacts had been revitalized at all levels as a result EASTERN EUROPE Europe and these were laying the foundation for more normal relations between nations. Lord Brahazon of Toro, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said during a debate in the House of Lords on political and economic developments in Eastern Europe and the

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C). opening the debate, said that some questioned whether the taken place was renume. It was clear that the reforms had gone so deep that neither the Soviet nion nor communist ambitions for empire could ever be

While the newly emerging democracies would want help. he advised against the European

Range State

Nevertheless, if the Eastern European countries could de-sign a freer market among themselves, sanctioned by in-stitutional links with the Euro-

Lord Cledwyn of Pearhos, leader of the Opposition peers, said that events in Europe had created one of those moments in history when great opportunities were matched by great dangers. The approach of the West must be to observe and to react to those events wisely and generously.

vided a scheme whereby subscribers could register if they did not wish to receive sales messages of either a particular

Lady Saltourn of Abernethy said that the Government should examine legislation in-

troduced in some states in the

US on the sending of unsolicited

material, with a view to in-

could not promise legislation,

but he hoped that adequate

protection could be provided by

a code of practice which the Director General of Oftel was

discussing with the professional

Lord Trefgarne said that he

troducing its own legislation.

or general kind.

Community's putting on too
much pressure as it would be a

"We are thinking in terms of Republic had been to the poils
an undivided Europe of free
and voted for a new democratic

pean Community and under-writen by world banks, those countries could, in Mr Gorbachov's dramatic words, "recover their European home".

"We are thinking in terms of

right, rejoicing can quickly turn to tears."

Any aid programme should be organized through the European Community, the imminence of the single market meant that there was no practicable alternative, and such initiatives should be taken in concert with the United States and other countries.

(Lib Dem) said that, although it was a time of hope and un-certainty, dangling before us was the glittering prize of disarma-

The task was to find how hope Lord Brahazon of Tara said Republic had been to the polls

countries, but if we do not get it future in a united Germany. It had the Government's warmest

> The pace of events in the Soviet Union had accelerated, leaving it littered by the freshly slaughtered carcasses of sacred

> The Government had two priorities: to offer support for the opportunities of reform in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and to ensure that security and stability were maintained and strengthened in the transition to this new pattern of

> businesses and companies involved themselves in the pro-cess. Their experience and skills would be desperately needed. They should take the long-term view because it was likely to be some time before investments vielded returns, but rewards would accrue as reform pro-

### 'Hooliganism help' being offered to the Italians

Everything possible would be done to help the Italian Govern-ment and authorities to minimize trouble with British football supporters during the World Cup which starts in June, Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, said during questions.

Sir Peter Tapsell (Lindsey

East, C) said that international

financial opinion was far more

worried about the prospect of another Labour government, than any of the statistics Mr

Smith quoted (Conservative

Mr Smith said that the

stresses and strains which ster-

ling was undergoing today were a direct result of yesterday's

Budget and the economic fun-

damentals. It was up to the

Government to run sensible

economic policies. Its failure to

do so resulted in pressure on the

The core of the problem was

the neglect of manufacturing

equate investment. A crucial

change of policy was required to

achieve a strategy for industrial

A move towards a compet-

cheers).

He was replying to Mr Denis Howell, Oppsition spokesman on sport, who said it would be disastrous if British and Dutch soccer fans were allowed to go ahead with arranging their own fight "fixtures". Mr Moynihan had said earlier

that the Government was providing help to the Italian urity measures. An inter-depart-mental working party co-ordinated British measures on World Cup preparations.

Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab) called for the

**FOOTBALL** 

use of police spotters and a repeat of the alcohol restrictions so successful in Dusseldorf. Mr Movnihan said that spotters and closed-circuit television had proved invaluable in the

effort to reduce hooliganism. British expertise would be on

offer to the Italian authorities. Fifty Italian carabinieri were at present in England, not, as some newspapers had suggested, to learn English as it was understood by football fans, but to study British policing of football.He agreed that alcohol restrictions were vital, and that subject would be discussed in a

forthcoming ministerial visit to Mr Howell asked whether it

nine names on their computer of people who could be stopped, under Part II of the Football Spectators Act, from travelling to overseas matches. What would the minister do to stop

those who had misbehaved from leaving British shores dur-ing the World Cup? Mr Moynihan said that Part

Il of the Act would be in force, he hoped, by the end of April. He offered to look closely at any additional ideas which Mr Howell put forward to help with the hooligan problem. Mr Michael Jack (Fylde, C)

said that many Lancashire foot-ball fans would not be able to go to Italy because they face excessive community charge demands imposed by the Labour-controlled county council

### Breath test powers enough'

The Government has con-cluded that existing police powers to stop and breathalyse drivers strike the right balance between the need for effective enforcement of the law and freedom of the individual, Mr David Waddington, Home Sec-retary, said in a Commons written reply.

He said that the Gov ernment had concluded that the police had adequate powers to require roadside breath tests. The Government had considered the views expressed during its litations on the matter. that the police should be able to operate high-profile enforcement as a deterrent against drink driving.

"Their present powers allow them to do so and statistics show that they are using their powers to good effect."

#### Council rent 'fantasv'

Government guidelines for local authority rent increases were pure fantasy, Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on housing, said at questions.

What explanation could Conservative councils raising its average rents by £15, the demands for which would arrive on doormats at the same time as the poll

Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning, said that the guidelines were not figments of the imagination. They took account of borrowing costs for local authorities. rent rebates and an 8 per cent increase in maintenance costs. It remained government policy to get council rents more in line with market

#### £10m aid for Namibia

The Government is to contribute £10 million in aid to Namibia which became independent today, Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, announced in a Commons written reply.

The aid would focus on technical co-operation and rehabilitation, she said. Precise details will be agreed with the new Government.

#### **BSE** from feedstuffs

Five antelopes in British zoos have been confirmed as being affected by spongi-form encephalopathy, the so-called mad cow disease found in cattle, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, said in a Com-

mons written reply. The probable source of the infection, he said, was via commercial feedstuffs. The use of ruminant protein in ruminant feedstuffs has

been banned since July 1988.

#### Tagging trial The Government is now considering the case for a

wider trial of electronic monitoring (tagging) in an numbers can be monitored as a condition of bail, Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Budget debate continued. Lords (2.30): Landlord and Tenant (Licensed Premises) Bill, second

reading. Debates on overseas aid and on South Africa.

# **Unsolicited fax** mail' protest

It should be made an offence to licence. The licence also prosend unsolicited advertising ma-tenal to anybody on an Offel list of far owners who did not wish to receive it, and such a list should be produced as quickly as possible, Lady Saltoun of Abernethy (Ind) said during

question time in the House of Lords Lord Trefgarne, Minister for Trade, said that a licence for running branch telecommunications systems issued by the Secretary of State under the Telecommunications Act required anyone making unsolicited sales calls by relephone or fax, to any particular person, to stop if requested.

Anyone refusing to comply and trade organizations con-would be in breach of their cerned.

£112m for homeless The Government is allocating £112 million for accommods-tion for the homeless in London and the South-east in the next financial year, Mr Michael Spicer, Minister for Housing and Planning, announced dur-

ing Commons questions.

It is intended to provide 5,000 extra homes this year to which people sleeping rough can go. Mr Spicer said that he was working on proposals, but the should help.

Mr Ronnie Fearn, Liberal Democrat spokesman on local government, said that spending on hostels and council accom-

atmouncement he had just made

modation was far too little. Mr Spicer said that there was already considerable hostel accommodation in London and the South-east. The question was whether the throughput was

mistake "to run before we can

Lord Thomson of Monifieth ment, hope and peace.

could be maximized and uncertainty minimized. It was unfortuante that the Prime Minister's approach so often isolated the United Kingdom in Europe. that the German Democratic

# It was important that Western

# Patten estimates average poll tax to be £363

The average community charge in England was estimated to be £363. Mr **ENVIRONMENT** Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, said during Commons questions.
Mr Robert Clay (Sunderland North, Lab) said that Mr Patten's estimates of the poli tax had probably been made "on a spare page of a fairy tale book". Councils of all political persuasions

had on average been forced to fix poll tax 30 per cent above Mr Patten's Mr Patten and the Government had cynically misled the people on poll tax levels, so what right did they have to deliver sanctimonious lectures to millions of people who were determined to resist this evil tax?

Mr Patten said that the main reason for the levels of community charge was that local authorities' gross revenue expenditure would be £5 billion higher next year than this year. With those. figures, domestic rates would have increased by about 33 per cent. The only lecture he would give to

people was to obey the law and pursue democratic arguments through the ballot box. "And I hope that is the lecture which the Opposition Front Bench will give to Mr Clay because I understand that he advocates that his constituents should not pay their community charge, nor other people Mr Patten said later that the average

charges in Labour-controlled London boroughs were £167 higher than in

Mr William McKelvey (Kilmarnock and Loudoun, Lab) said that not one person in Scotland had benefited from

the proposed changes to the poll tax

Conservative boroughs.





Mr Robert Clay, who complained about "fairy-tale estimates".

announced by the Chancellor yes-

Mr Patten said research showed that people in low-income households in Scotland were paying a smaller proportion of their income in community charge than they had paid in He said later that the Department of

Social Security would be discussing with local authorities how to ensure that the new community charge relief announced by the Chancellor would be paid as quickly as possible. He told Mr Peter Pike (Burnley, Lab), who accused him of "knocking"

local authorities, that all too many local authorities were "knocking community charge payers". Community charge benefits were more generous than benefits available under Mr David Blunkett, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that the Treasury and the Department of the Environment did not seem to understand that, while lifting the capital disregard for entitlement to rebate on poli 12x and housing benefit, there had been a failure to alter the

As a result, those with capital investments, despite lifting the ceiling to £16,000, would not be entitled under existing rules to rebate or

housing benefit. Was the Government prepared to change the rules which involved £1 of savings being counted for every £250 of capital savings over £3,000 so that people could get the entitlement? making a complete mess of this, they have misled people into thinking that they are entitled to help that they will

Mr Patten said that Mr Blunkett was not well informed. The taper was already more generous than it had been. That was why so many more people would benefit under the new system than had benefited under the previous one.

During earlier questions, Mr Bryan

Gould, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, asked what estimate there was on how many poll tax charge-capped authorities had prepared and issued revised bills and on how much this would add to the already excessive cost of collecting the

What help was being offered in respect of the cash flow problems such authorities would face? He asked Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, if he had any idea of the

impossible burden he was putting on already hard pressed local authority treasurers, Tory as well as Labour, because of his refusal to specify what the charge cap criteria would be.

Mr Hunt said that Parliament had decided to give power to charge cap to the Secretary of State. When all the budget information had been considered, decisions would be announced to

"Until then it would be wrong for me to speculate about the dimension or operation of any capping scheme, but we have made clear that we shall cap autorities which have chosen to budget excessively."

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, lab) seked why destribe covernment

Lab) asked why, despite government propaganda, the poll tax was so undely bated throughout the country and why Cabinet members did not stand up to the Prime Minister in the same way that Tory councils were rightly resign ing the Tory whip in "opposition to this notorious measure".

Mr Hunt said that it was unfair that people living in Conservative wards in the Walsali area, however they voted, were receiving only £298 a head spent

through the community charge. That was the policy of the hard left on the council. It was a policy of looking after their own and blow the

rest. And it was a scandal.

Mr Donald Thompson (Calder Valiey, C) asked for an assurance that those who were entitled to community charge rebates would receive them. Mr Hunt said that the Government would do everything possible to ensure that they did. It was not correct that people with over £10,000 would not be entitled to a rebate.

where their council was spending more than the Government's assessment. Some ten million were entitled to rebates and about seven and a half million were entitled to transitional Mr Gould asked if the minister had had representations from Tory authorities whose spending was 31 per cent above the Government's projec-

tions, within a whisker of the national

It was also incorrect that people would lose their transitional relief

figure of 35 per cent. Could be guarantee that there would be no guarantee that there would be no further Tory resignations?

Mr Hunt said that he had received protests and representations from Tory councils on the extent to which they put into the safety net to protect losing areas which, in the main, were Labour areas. If he were to take out of the comparison the safety net contributions, he would find that the average Labour charges were far above the average in Conservative areas.

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Lithuanian deserters from the Soviet Army have been given four days to return to their units "or they will be returned by force".

The warning was issued by Colonel-General Fyodor Kuzmin, commander of the Baltic Military Region. But not one of the deserters has any intention of obeying the

Most Lithuanians regard the warning as another exam-ple of psychological pressure, similar to President Gorbachov's "ultimatum" to the Lithuanian Government last Friday, which he later claimed was not an ultimatum at all

Lithuanian police are now divided in their loyalties and in actions against deserters. Mr Valeryonas Sadreyka, a

member of the commission on military affairs of the Lithuanian Supreme Council, said that since the declaration of independence the police have ceased to pursue deserters, and have released several whom they had previously

However, there are continuing reports of officers and military police arresting deserters, and many are taking precautions and staying away from home.

"Don't worry, we are hiding them," said a mother who with others accompanied sons yesterday to the Lithuanian Government's registration centre at the Supreme Council building in Vilnius.

More than 260 deserters have registered since the for soldiers, admitted that "we declaration of independence can ensure legal protection but It is hoped that this will 10 days ago. One, Ilmaras V, not physical protection. We ensure that all can eventually

gramme when the new par-liament opens next month,

The Popular Front has be-

confusion is because many



Soviet troops carrying out manoeuvres in the Ukraine yesterday. Observers from 26 different countries attended. In Lithuania, however, deserters have refused orders to return to duty.

on home leave.

"I believe that I will be protected," he said, but his refusal to divulge his surname

Mr Mecys Laurinkus, a deputy and chairman of the committee on legal protection

still wearing the uniform of the Air Transport Corps, decided to desert yesterday on his arrival from East Germany

have sent telegrams to each Soviet garrison explaining the situation and saying that all Lithuanian soldiers are protected by the Lithuanian Government, but we have received

> The registration exercise is also intended to provide "protection" for Lithuanians who have deserted, and around 50,000 still serving in

It is hoped that this will

"does not wish to disturb the

peace". He said the division in

The threat of Latvian seces-

sion led President Gorbachov

on Tuesday to summon the

Latvian Communist Party

and government leadership to

Moscow. He made the same

offer to them that he had made

to the Estonians on Monday -

that of a "new federation"

with a special status for the

vian group said later that they

had replied, as had the Esto-

nians, that Latvia must be

"juridically a subject in inter-

national law and international

relations, a member of the

United Nations with its own

dence in internal affairs, but

with responsibility for de-

Some analysts believe that,

The members of the Lat-

Baltic republics.

embassies".

return home safely, a request that the Lithuanian Government has asked Mr Gorbachov to respect.

The declaration of independence has also coincided with reports of sharp increases in bullying of Lithuanian sol-

In the past, the bullying has amounted, on occasions, to torture and led to dozens of deaths and suicides among Baltic recruits in recent years.

actually take part in beatings, but their abuse of the Lithuanians as "fascists" during political indoctrination sessions is contributing to the atmosphere of hostility.

Most of the soldiers at the registration centre yesterday had "deserted" by over-staying their home leave.

But four Lithuanians from a parachute battalion at Vitebsk, who tried to desert three days ago, were arrested close Lithuanian. I can't serve in the be called up.

of forming a competent East

German Government yes-

terday Herr Helmut Kohl said

it could take until 1992 to

that Soviet officers do not to the Lithuanian border. The father of a sergeant from the same unit said his son was due for leave this week, but it was now being refused for Lithuanian soldiers.

> Most of the deserters said the decisive factor in their leaving was, not the maltreatment, but Lithuania's declaration of independence. Some were strongly patriotic. Sigitas Radzevicius, a driver in the air force, said: "I am a

However, he has yet to decide whether to serve in the new force of border guards being

The deserters are being encouraged to join this force, the recruitment for which is being organized by the Sajudis national movement rather than by the administration.

Most of the deserters said they would serve, but were

this by the end of next month,

or the beginning of May, so

that there will be time for the

required legislation to be

passed through both the Bun-destag and the Volkskammer

by July I - the date on which

resettlement benefits to East

For the moment the victory

of the Alliance seems to be

encouraging people to stay.

• BRUSSELS: Germany's

most senior official here has

outlined a three-stage plan to

bring East Germany firmly

into the European Commu-

nity after German unification

Brussels to allay fears of

Germany neglecting its EC

allowed to participate fully in

Herr Bangemann also called

on the 11 other Community

governments to offer collec-

Germans "in order to avoid an image of the Eleven being

in any way against unification".

Dismissing fears that the EC had lost the diplomatic initia-

tive over the German ques-

the two sections with the result expected to be

The dispute centres around the desirability

of governing East Germany with a two-thirds

majority which the Alliance for Germany can

only attain by offering participation to the

which a two-thirds majority is required.

tive encouragement to the

(Peter Guilford writes).

force of EC law.

Germans are to be ended.

preme Soviet, or by a petition signed by one-tenth of the republic's population. The referendum, which

must take place more than six months after the initial order, must produce a two-thirds majority in favour of secession.

The question is then referred to the USSR Congress of People's Deputies for initial approval, but only after the central authorities and all the other republics have been

Draft on

secession

fails to

satisfy

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

As Moscow continued its

pressure on Lithuania not to

implement its declaration of independence, the promised

bill on secession received its

first reading in the Soviet

Parliament - to general

Lithuanian deputies and

some reform-minded Russish

deputies thought it was too restricted, many Russians considered it left their

compatriots without adequate security, and almost every speaker complained of the

The first most deputies

knew about it - even those

who had taken part in drafting

the new law - was when they

were presented with it you

It was headed: "Law of the

USSR: On the order of deciding questions related to the

secession of union republics

from the Soviet Union", and was placed before the Cham-

ber of the Union in the first

The law permits a republic

to secode from the Soviet

Union if it fulfils a senes of

superficially realistic, but in

practice extremely demanding

The first step is a referen-

dum which can be ordered

either by the republic's Sa-

terday morning.

conditions.

dissatisfaction.

haste.

asked for their views. The congress determines a transitional period - the suggested period is five years for details such as finances and Soviet troops to be

worked out. Once all these conditions have been fulfilled and the transition period is complete to everyone's satisfaction. secession can take place.

As several deputies pointed out, the two-thirds majority in. a referendum will be nighimpossible even for ethnicallyhomogeneous Lithuania to achieve, and completely impossible for most republics. where the proportion of Rus-

#### Polling in Georgia postponed

Under pressure from groups threatening a boycott and from the Georgian nationlists, the republic's Supreme Soviet took the decision at a hurriedly convened meeting on-Tuesday evening. At the same time, the parliament voted to amend the republic's constitution and do away with the guarantees of power for the

Radical parties, groupes under the umbrella of the National Forum, had been threatening for some months to boycott the elections, saying that taking part implied recogni nition of Moscow's armed occupation of Georgia in

Then the Popular Front, the

leader, is keen to form a coalition with the The elections were to be SPD to enact changes to the constitution for similar to those being held in

# Latvia thinks twice on independence question

Newly-elected deputies of the parliament will have the two- Latvia, said the movement Latvian Popular Front met yesterday to discuss their proand whether they should follow Lithuania in declaring order to gain such a majority. tween 113 and 121 seats of the front, won only 39 seats in the 170 decided in the first round of elections on Sunday. The first round, and need to win 28

came from different parties, Speaking on television, Mr but were standing with Popular Front support. This lack of clear-cut party boundaries and discipline may make the process of Another Interfront leader, decision a difficult one. There Mrs Tatyana Zhdanok, said is a feeling among more that the fact that the percentradical Popular Front mem- age of the non-Latvian bers that Lithuania had shown population is not reflected in the way, and that it would be parliamentary representation shameful not to follow. Russian population of Latvia Interfront leaders had threat- in Latvia, the republic may is about 48 per cent of the ened civil disobedience if an have to settle for indepen-

total, makes it a very different case from Lithuania.

It seems that supporters of independence in the Latvian the Interfront chairman in toms remaining with Moscow.

thirds majority necessary to declare independence if they wish to do so. Of the 31 seats Latvia was not an ethnic but still to be decided, the Popular an ideological one. order to gain such a majority. Opponents of independence, mainly Russians grouped behind the movement Intermore in order to block a vote "Popular Front" candidates for independence.

> Anatoli Alexeyev, an Interfront leader and one of the new deputies, admitted that this would be impossible. was due to an unfair division "undemocratic" vote of independence was passed.

However, Mr Igor Lopatin, fence, foreign affairs and cus-

Spies 'rife among new deputies'

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin, and Ian Murray, Bonn

More than a tenth of the 400 East German MPs elected on Sunday were formerly working for the Stasi and many may now be in the pay of the West German secret service, according to information held by the Commission for the Dissolution of the Stasi in East

Both Herr Werner Fischer, who heads the Commission, and Herr Rainer Eppelmann, the leader of the Democratic Awakening party, are calling for all deputies to undergo security clearance before they take their posts in the Volksammer.

Herr Fischer told Cologne Express that he be-lieves many MPs ranging across all political parties were active informants before last November. Herr Eppelmann said he had seen Stasi files incriminating more than 40 deputies.

Just days before the election on Sunday, Herr Eppelmann's party was shaken by revela-tions that Herr Wolfgang Schnur, its leader, had given information to the Stasi while representing dissidents.

Particularly worrying for the new government is the infiltration by the West German service, the BND. Herr Hans Modrow, who remains in office as Prime Minister pending the formation of the new government, is known to have told Bonn that East Germany is displeased.

The Stasi worked exten-sively for the KGB and it is inevitable that its best material has been passed on to Although Herr Fischer has

and their identity probably is unknown to Herr Fischer.

in the new parliament suggests a wide channel for Soviet access into West German intelligence at a time when Bonn is restructuring its sec-

# As he assessed the difficulties

achieve German unity. The West German Chancellor obviously still hopes it can be achieved sooner than that, but he is now after "a smooth evolution, not a hectic one". His preferred timetable is for East German accession to the West German Constitution to be agreed shortly after the general elections here on

December 2, with the East Germans then voting for their own representatives to the Bundestag next year. First, however, he must win that election and - though his prospects look very rosy at the moment — he has to overcome two big obstacles. One is that he has to create a credible East

German government capable myriad technical legislation required to make unity possible. Without this the exodus from the East to the West is likely to speed up, causing social problems that will undermine Herr Kohl's present dominant position.

His other challenge is to head off the populist appeal of the opposition Social Democrats, who yesterday unveiled their vote-winning plan for keeping a united Germany only in a non-nuclear Nato. with an army strength cut by a half, a corresponding cut in manoeuvres.

The difficulty of forming an East German government was discussed over the dinner table at the Chancellor's bungalow here last night, when he was host to the leaders of the three parties which made up

McElvov writes).

East Berlin - East Germany's Social Demo-

crats are reconsidering their refusal on Monday to join a grand coalition with the conservative Alliance for Germany to govern

the country on the road to reunification (Anne

Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the Social Democrat

(SPD) leader, admitted yesterday that the par-

ty's 87 newly elected deputies disagreed with the decision of the ruling executive to stay in

opposition. Talks were held last night between

# Kohl sees a two-year haul to reunification

munist rule, none of the three essary agreement reached on

From Ian Murray, Bonn

have any real exprience of government. Herr Lothar de Maizière, the leader of the Christian Democrats who thanks to Herr Kohl's campaigning - won nearly 41 per cent of the votes, is a shy, devout and private man who is frankly out of his depth.

Pastor Rainer Eppelmann, who was a leading dissident for years, has more experience but his Democratic Awakening party scored under 1 per cent and holds only four seats in the Volkskammer. Pastor Hans-Wilhelm Ebeling of the German Social Union also came to prominence as a dissident in Leipzig, playing a leading role in organizing the early demonstrations there, but again he has no real

To overcome this lack of depth. Herr Kohi is drafting in of negotiating and passing the Herr Elmer Pieroth, a close political ally and a businessman, to run the East German Economics Ministry.

political experience.

There is also talk of trying to commitments, Herr Martin persuade the Rev Manfred Bangemann, the EC CommisStolpe, the respected leader of sioner for Industry and the East Berlin's Evangelical Internal Market, said that that Church, to join the the Commission must be

With the Social Democrats negotiations, as unification with the Fast unwilling so would give East Germany (SPD) in the East unwilling so would give East Germa far to join a grand coalition, effective EC membership. the three Alliance parties are faced with preparing a mass of complicated and often controversial legislation and passing it through the Volkskammer with the likely help of the liberals.

However, as consititutional changes are involved in some of the necessary laws, it could prove difficult to pass them without the support of the tion, Herr Bangemann said SPD as well. The most urgent that Chancellor Kohl's visit, three parties which made up the strict of the victorious Alliance for the victorious A

Berlin SPD rethink over coalition

announced today.

Social Democrats.

#### The plan envisages that East Germany will become a de facto part of the EC in one or sians is higher. two years' time, but foresees a lengthy grace period before it could be exposed to the full Speaking just two days before Chancellor Kohl visits

From Nick Worrall

The elections planned for next Sunday in the Soviet republic. of Georgia have been post. poned until at least October to give emerging political parties a chance to take part.

Communist Party.

mainstream nationalist opposition which had planned to contest the elections, suddenly. changed its policy and de manded a postponement to allow time to organize multiparty elections.

Herr Lothar de Maizière, the Alliance's most other republics.

# **Deadline** set for reforms

Moscow (Reuter) — A target date of May 1 has been set for the final drafting of radical laws and decrees that will open up the Soviet Union to a market economy, a well-connected Moscow publication said yesterday. Commersant, weekly paper

of the Union of Co-operatives, said the package of 20 mea-sures included laws on price reform, foreign investment, free enterprise, decrees on creating a bond market and new procurement prices for agricultural produce. It said a previously un-

published government decree was approved on March 11 declaring that it was "imperative ... to speed up the transfer to a planned market economy". It added: "Thus, the five-year struggle between "horsemen" and the "traders" has ended in favour of a market economy." Commersant said, referring to the period since Mr Gorbachov came to power in 1985.

Among Soviet economists the term "horsemen" is used to describe supporters of a carefully planned centralized economy and "traders" those who back a full-blooded free enterprise system.

The report came after the independent Interfax news agency suggested this week that Mr Gorbachov would use his new powers as President to set the country along the path of a "Polish solution" to its economic woes.

Interfax, whose report was backed by Moscow economists close to a commission working under Mr Leonid Abalkin, Deputy Prime Minister and head of economic reform, said there were 17 measures and they were all to he passed into law by July 1.

Commersant's list of measures, which from its wording seemed to have been drawn directly from a leaked text of the decree, left little doubt that Mr Gorbachov had opted to follow Poland's path under the Solidarity Government.

# flights for Jews

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

Islamic terrorists and anfrom Budapest to Tel Aviv.

from Čairo.

The transit points are of cow has refused to implement between the Soviet Union and

those previously in charge.

ern hostages in Lebanon.

# Budapest stops

In a severe blow to Israel, Before the suspension, the Maley, Hungary's state- main fears had been expressed owned airline, yesterday about security at Bucharest's caved in to threats from Otopeni airport where secnounced that it was suspend- December revolution which ing all flights of Soviet Jews led to the firing of most of

Israel which was to have come jeopardize the safety of into effect on January 1. passengers and aircraft."

Until the decision, Buda-pest had been one of the main ment came as a direct retransit points for the many sponse to the threat against Jews making their way from airports, airlines and planes the Soviet Union to a new life associated with the mass in Israel. The other main emigration of Soviet Jews to routes being used are via Israel issued last week in Vienna, Bucharest and Beirut by the Islamic Jihad for Cyprus, with a small number the Liberation of Palestine, of Jews thought also to be one of the shadowy pro-making their way overland Iranian groups holding West-

urity is lax in the wake of the

In a report from Budapest, special importance in organ-izing the flow of Jewish emi-agency MTI stated: "Malev grants because in deferrence to has informed MTI that berepeated Arab protests, Mos- cause of the threats ... it has suspended the transportation an agreement for direct flights of Soviet immigrants to Israel because it does not wish to

called in all East German agents, many are believed to be working still for the KGB

On KGB orders they might destroy evidence about a Volkskammer member's past, so Herr Fischer needs to move swiftly.

The presence of informants

# Thatcher urges businessmen to invest in Czechoslovakia

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister last night made Czechoslovakia in the "I hope we can rapidly destrongly backed Czecho- 1930s one of the great indus- velop a closer association slovakia's intention to join the trial powers of Europe. Council of Europe as she urged British businessmen and financiers to invest in the country.

Hailing the changes that had taken place in Czechoslovakia, Mrs Thatcher announced the start of a programme under the knowhow fund to develop cooperation and investment in the restructuring of the

economy. She told a dinner in honour and the role played by enter- an alternative to Nato. of President Havel of Czecho- prise bodies in helping new slovakia at 10 Downing Street that businessmen should remember the reserves of skill and enterprise which had return once more to Europe. she said.

Under the programme, Brit-

ain will offer expert help in creating employment, developing small firms, health and safety at work and how to deal with structural changes in Europe," she said. the labour market.

The Government expects a tence that US forces based in delegation of Czechoslovak Europe were essential to safeofficials to travel to London to guard stability on the contilook at how Britain dealt with the large-scale redundancies at British Steel and British Coal industries to develop.

Mrs Thatcher said Britain wanted to see Czechoslovakia alongside our armed forces,

between Czechoslovakia and the European Community which will restore those links and you will have enthusiastic support, too, for your intention to join the Council of But she reiterated her insis-

nent. The framework of the Helsinki Accords should be strengthened but that was not "Experience has taught us that we need the presence of American forces in Europe

# Tongue-lashing for Eurospeak The European Commission grasp. How can the 12 memA II of the Common Customs consumers could often not make head or tail of EC

dubious honour of winning legislation in their own coun-the first-ever annual "Euro- tries if the meaning of the (EC) and 23.04 A II of the Common groups who claim Euro-jargon has become so incomprehensible that even the EC's legally trained staff have trouble wad-

ing through it. Two British consumer bodies made the award — a small glass pyramid and two pens after a panel of 12 judges decided that of all the EC's institutions, the Commission had concocted the finest gobbledygook of all.

Presenting the award in

Brussels, Mrs Eirlys Roberts,

director of European Research

into Consumer Affairs, said

speak Award", handed down directive itself is ambiguous?"
by an angry body of consumer she said. The winning samples were chosen from a selection of

legalistic phrases - six in English, two in French and one each in German, Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese some of which were plucked from the EC's Official Journal, churned out daily in undigestible tomes (and in nine languages) by Brussels. The leads to the levies being fixed "OJ", as it is known, is of key importance to businesses trying to keep track of EC law.

Customs Tariff must be calculated from the minimum levy applicable on the olive oil contained in these products: whereas, however, the levy charged for olive oil may not be less than an amount equal to 8 per cent of the value of the imported product, such amount to be fixed at a standard rate; whereas appli-

Regulation." Mr Stephen Crampton, of Among the most baffling the Consumers in the Euroentries was the quotation: pean Community Group, said "Whereas the import levy on the decision to launch the

cation of these provisions

make head or tail of EC documents. "Even Commission officials are managing to baffle each other," he said. Other EC institutions were

guilty too, he said, citing this

example from a recent Euro pean Court of Justice ruling 'Article 30 of the Treaty must be interpreted as meaning that the prohibition which it lays down does not apply to national rules prohibiting retails ional rules prohibiting retailers from opening their premises on Sunday where the ses on Sunday where the restrictive effects on Commune nity trade which may resulter therefrom do not exceed the effects intrinsic to rules of that kind". Meaning that govern-ments can stop shops from opening on Sunday, if it does she hoped it would lead to a olives falling within sub- awards grew out of the fact not hinder trade from a language consumers could headings 07.01 N II and 07.03 that EC staff as well as EC countries too much. not hinder trade from other

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Tallway workers went on
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hour strike to Japan to third consecutive day in

From Michael Binyon, Budapest

As concern deepened over the strength is growing daily. And Hungary's Foreign Minister, yesterday called together all opposition parties to discuss

the second time in two days to to act militarily as before. demand protection for Hungarians in Romania..

letters to all signatories of the text," he said. Helsinki Accords urging them to put pressure on Bucharest to take swift action. And it

But the Foreign Ministry categorically ruled out any Hungarian intervention. question," Mr Imre Szokai, a Deputy Foreign Minister,

However, he accused the sylvania today. Romanians of exacerbating the situation by stepping up army readiness, giving the impression that Hungary was

preparing to invade. He described the latest is happening," he said.
developments in Transylvania as ominous and approaching civil war. The Bucharest Government had done nothing to curb the activities of Vatra Romaneasca, which he called a "fascist organization", openly promoting racist and anti-Semitic policies. "Their failure to act earlier has given pressure on Romania." Vatra Romaneasca a big in-fluence on people. They are chanting slogans We want to drink Hungarian blood.' Their Workers Party.

fate of ethnic Hungarians in the Government is afraid to Romania, Mr Gyula Horn, act because of the elections in

May." Mr Szokai said Hungary alone had little influence on Romania. But he ruled out The Hungarian Govern- any intervention by the Warment yesterday summoned saw Pact saying it was being the Romanian ambassador for restructured, and was not able

"We have to find an effective means of solving such The Government also sent conflicts in a European con-

The crisis has temporarily eclipsed the election campaign here. All parties have conhinted that it may seek an demned the pogroms in urgent meeting of the United Nations' Security Council. demanding tough action by Budapest. Yesterday the youth wing of

the Hungarian Democratic Hungarian intervention. Forum was preparing a con-"This is absolutely out of the voy across the border into Tirgu Mures. The party offered to escort domestic and foreign journalists into Tran-Dr Jozsef Antall, the party

president, denied that the action could be seen by Romania as a provocation. "We just want to show the world what

support for the right-wing parties, especially the Smallholders and the Democratic Forum. Dr Antall said: "War cannot be started on this issue. But all

political and diplomatic tools must be used to put extra

# Cruel legacy of age-old conflict

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

"In the foreseeable future Securitate, were the spark there will be no more national which led to the revolution. minorities in Romania - only one socialist nation" the late issue of Hungarian education Nicolae Ceausescu once and continuing demands for

life of the two million ethnic month by Romanian nationalcies and the age-old conflicts which inspired them remain the root cause of the violent clashes which erupted this

week in Transylvania. For Hungary this large parcel of land, known as Erdély, is in many ways the cradle of its ancient Magyar civilization, a place where their language is still considered pure and free of foreign influences, and the great universities of old medi-

eval Hungary were founded. It was only in Transylvania that the hated Ottoman Empire failed to inflict its 150year rule and the Hungarian culture could freely flourish.

Transylvania was awarded First World War peace treaty of Trianon in 1920, however, on the ground that, despite centuries-old Hungarian and Austrian rule, the majority population of the province was Romanian at the end of the Great War.

The grievances of the Hungarian minority in Fransylvania, outnumbered 4-to-1 by Romanians, led to protests against the Ceausescu regime in December last year. Their protests, in defiance of

After the revolution the proudly predicted.

Although the dictator's systematic efforts to wipe out the outbreak of beatings, reprisals language, culture and way of and other attacks over the past Hungarians in Romania ists, which was but a foretaste of this week's violence

"Give us back our schools" was the cry as thousands of Hungarian students, euphoric about the December revolution and eager for the quick implementation of equal rights, took to the streets throughout Transylvania. But some Romanians came to see this as an outright call to separatism and splitting the nation, inspired by demands for a greater Hungary.

The slow suffocation of Hungarian-language centres of learning under Ceausescu began with the closure in 1959 of the Hungarian University in the city of Cluj, while at the same time the authorities to Romania following the carried out a forced resettlement programme which brought a new surge of Romanians to the Hungarian enclave. Soon all Hungarian schools were closed and Hungarian speakers forced to attend classes in Romanian. Hungarian publications were banned and radio stations closed, cutting off the vital cultural link to a new

generation. The communist regimes in both countries played an important role in maintaining the Romanian Army and the genocidal status quo.

Bogotá (AFP) - Warrants have been issued here for the arrest of two Britons, identified as Mr Brian Tomkins and Mr Peter McAlesse, allegedly training assassins for Colombian drug barons, General Carlos Arturo Casadiego, the deputy police chief, said yesterday. He said the two men were operating in a jungle area of northern Colombia known as Magdaleno Medio.

Nicaraguan National Assembly, dominated by the outgoing left-wing Sandinista Front, has granted life-long legal immunity to former presidents and vice-presidents and immunity to future ones during their terms of office.

#### Mugabe threat

Harare - President Mugabe of Zimbabwe has threatened to dismiss any civil servants who support opposition par-ties in the country's second day and Thursday next week.

#### Dynamite raid

Paris - Six masked men boarded a barge moored in the Gulf of Ajaccio, off Corsica. Kampala (Reuter) - Uganda's and stole about 551b of dynamile and 50 detonators. No

Tokyo (AP) - About 5,000 Jedda (AP) - Islamic theolo-Tailway workers went on a 24- gians have ruled at a conhour strike in Japan for the ference that the transplant of third consecutive day to pro- human sex organs carrying test against the compulsory lay-off of 1,406 staff.

#### Immunity deal Car murder

Managua (Reuter) - The Mogadishu (Reuter) - Peter White, a British official working for the World Bank in Somalia, was shot dead when he refused to hand over his car keys to thicves.

#### Aid arrives

Addis Ababa (AP) - A small lorry convoy unloaded food for famine victims here after running the gauntlet of the northern Ethiopian war zone.

#### Students held

Kathmandu (AFP) - Nepalese general election on Wednes- authorities released hundreds of people detained at an antigovernment conference, but later arrested 80 students.

#### Uganda ban

ruling National Resistance Movement has extended for organization has claimed five years the ban on political parties first imposed in 1986.

# Strike goes on Transplant bar hereditary genes is forbidden by the Muslim faith.

# British holiday for the orphan hero



Florin Vieru, aged 12, a Romanian orphan who claimed to have placed the flag on the city hall in Bacharest at the height of the revolution, surveying Manchester airport yesterday. He is among a group of 139 children who have arrived in Britain for an 11-day holiday to help them recover from the unrest. They are here as guests of the Romanian Orphans Appeal.

### **Populist sparks** off deep division in Civil Forum

From Peter Green, Brno, Czechoslovakia

free parliamentary elections a radical populist in the Moravian capital of Brno has provoked a deepening split in Civil Forum, the coalition that brought down Communist rule last November.

Lower ranking Civil Forum members are dissatisfied with what they see as an overdose of closed-door decision-mak-

ing by the leadership.
Nationally the problem was put to rest when Civil Forum leaders met in Prague on Tuesday and agreed to open

But in Brno, 200 kilometres south-east of Prague, the local Civil Forum parliament was to vote last night on expelling the populist, Mr Petr Cibulka. The parliament is reportedly split evenly between Cibulka followers and Civil Forum

supporters. Mr Cibulka, aged 40, leads an anti-Communist campaign that has gained the unrequested support of Moravian nationalists. In the past few weeks he has led several thousand followers on to the streets of Brno.

Until last week Mr Cibulka, a surveyor and an ex-cell mate of President Havel, was a member of the local Civil Forum's ruling council, and

Only two-and-a-half months he still directs its press operabefore Czechoslovakia's first tions. Civil Forum hopes to recover control of those.

Mr Cibulka's offensive is directed at Dr Jaroslav Sabata. until last week also a leader of the local Civil Forum and still a deputy in Czechoslovakia's Federal Assembly, where he holds two key leadership

Mr Cibulka and his follow-ers accuse Dr Sabata and the local Civil Forum of playing "cabinet politics" and of being democratic "closet

They say Dr Sabata has gone too easy on the Communists and have called for their man to replace Dr Sabata in the Federal Assembly.

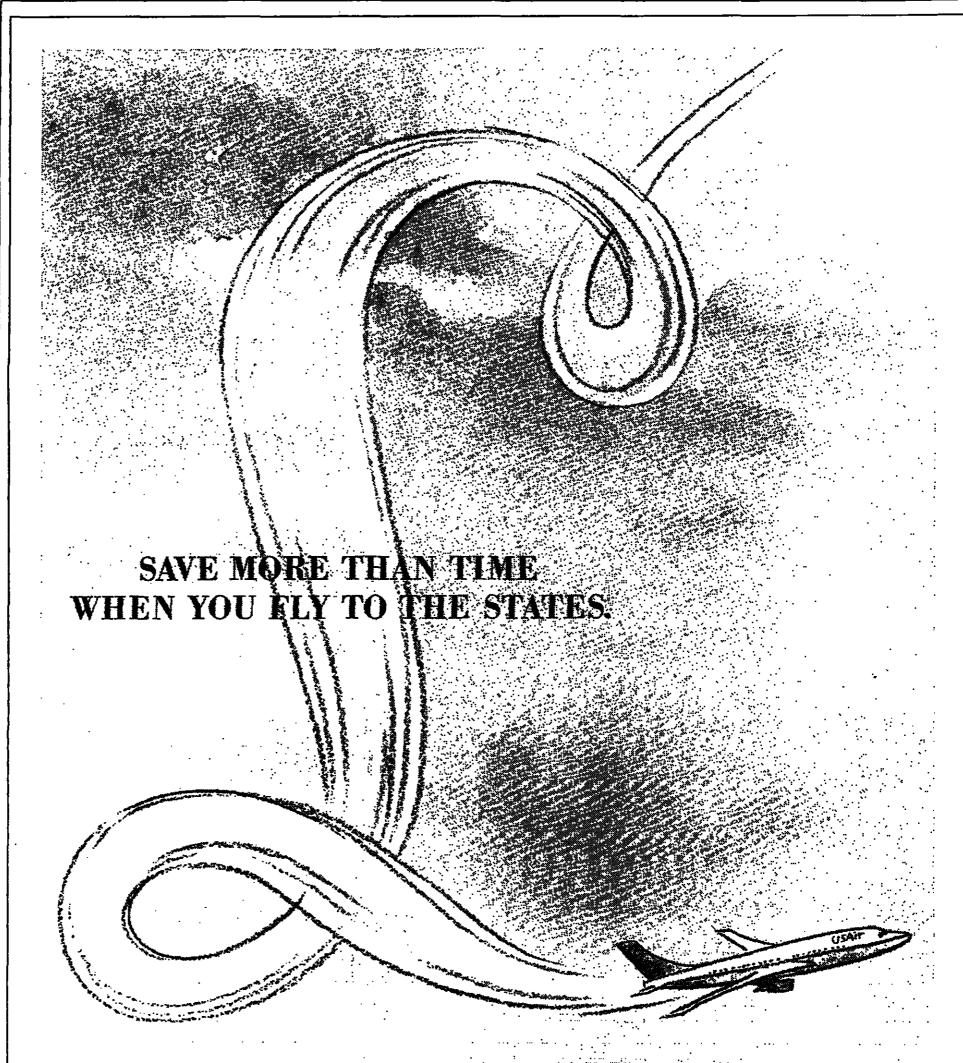
Dr Sabata, aged 60, Brno's Communist Party head until the 1968 Soviet invasion. but later spent many years in jail for dissident activities. Dr Sabata's private sec-retary, said: "The core of the problem is the political

conception of democracy.

Cibulka's for direct democ-

racy, and Dr Sabata for a sort of parliamentary democracy. Local Civil Forum leaders worry that if Mr Cibulka is not stopped now he will attract the support of other extremist groups. This, they fear, could lead to anarchy in the streets

of Brno.



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For a few days Namibia's

150 foreign delegations at-tending the independence

While a rainbow of human-

ity drawn from myriad races

and tribes dances in the

streets, sirens announce a

bewildering cross-flow of VIPs

rushing from one top-level

meeting to another. Amiable

chaos prevails as official

motorcades flash past children

dressed as penguins, a giant

motorized boot signifying the step into a new era", and

students urging citizens to "save the gay whale".

The flurry of political consultations which have

nothing to do with Namibia's

independence has spawned a

popular joke that Mr Nujoma

is the best man at his own

wedding. Mr Baker and Mr Shevardnadze had to forego

an official function, because of

meetings with each other and

lesser stars in the diplomatic

Some of the meetings are

historic, most are important,

galáxy.

# takes chance to sound out the Kremlin

From Michael Knipe in Windhoek and Fred Bridgland in Johannesburg

diplomatic ties.

Yesterday in Windhoek, for to the ANC. the first time a South African head of state and a ranking a future South African Soviet minister held talks. But government. the 90-minute meeting between President de Klerk and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the and pragmatic in its approach Soviet Foreign Minister, is as in recent years following the yet unlikely to speed up the frequent contacts during the

see movement soon towards that last year Anatoly the establishment of full dip. Adamishin, then Soviet Deplomatic relations," said Professor Philip Nel, Director of Stellenbosch University's Pretoria while on an official Institute for Soviet Studies and author of a newly pubThe ministry has enlished book A Soviet Embassy couraged visits of South Af-

He said the Soviet Union has stopped all deliveries of arms to the African National Congress, but there are still differences of opinion in the Soviet establishment.

President de Klerk was probably seeking from Mr Shevardnadze greater clarity on these divisions, he said.

The differences exist between the Soviet Foreign Min-istry and the Soviet Committee on Solidarity with the peoples of Asia and Africa, this the moment when he had The latter, a creation of the other problems to resolve. Brezhnev era, is the Soviet Union's equivalent of the ing to capitalise on the anti-apartheid movement, Namibian independence to and was used to channel funds launch a diplomatic offensive to the ANC, said Dr Nell. The in Africa.

Contacts between the Soviet Afro-Asian Solidarity Com-Union and South Africa have mittee, now chaired by Vasily grown over the years, particu- Solodnikov, a hardliner who larly during the negotiations as Soviet ambassador to Zamover the independence for bia helped build up the ANC's Namibia, but the two coun-tries are far from establishing Sizwe (The Spear of the Nation), remains committed

He wants to see it dominate

The Soviet Foreign Ministry has been more flexible talks on Namibia's future. "I doubt if we are going to Relations became so warm uty Foreign Minister in charge of Africa, made a secret trip to visit to Mozambique.

> rican trade representatives to Moscow and deals are being discussed for South Africa to provide mining technology in exchange for oil products.

But it is significant, said Dr Nell, that Mr Nelson Mandela, vice-president of the ANC, has been invited to Moscow not by the Foreign Ministry but by the Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee

He added it was doubtful whether President Gorbachov would want to choose sides at

Pretoria, meanwhile, is aim-

# De Klerk VIPs race round Windhoek diplomatic circuit From Gavin Bell, Windhoek



Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC Vice-President, meeting Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, in Windhoek, yesterday. Below: President de Klerk of South Africa greeting Mr Eduard Shevadnardze, the Soviet Foreign Minister.



#### **Bail for** Ward suspects

Two safari park rangers detained last week by Kenyan detectives investigating the Julie Ward murder were released on police bail yesterday (Our Foreign Staff writes). Scotland Yard detectives called in by President Moi to assist the investigation, indicated however that the two men may be charged with the murder of the British wild life enthusiast, whose charred remains were found in the Masai Mara game park 18

months ago. The inquiry now hinges on scientific evidence gathered by Scotland Yard forensic experts investigating the unrelated murder of Robert Ouko, the Kenyan Foreign Minister, who was shot and his body burned.

#### Auctioneers offer reward

New York - Sotheby's and Christie's have offered \$1 million (£625,000) as a reward for the return of uninsured works of art, worth an esti-mated \$200 million, stolen from a Boston museum last Sunday (James Bone writes). The theft, from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, is reportedly the biggest art crime since the Mona Lisa vanished from the Louvre in Paris in 1911.

#### Socialists to retain Mauroy

Paris - French Socialist officials emerged from party headquarters after 15 hours of wrangling to announce that they would not be sacking M Pierre Mauroy as Secretary-General (Susan MacDonald

more than 30 years. In an attempt to keep the warring factions within the for these actions, including ruling party happy, a new list of deputies is being drawn up, vengeance against districts in which each grouping gets a which strongly opposed the military during the crushing of

# China boosts military budget

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

**Burma uproots opposition supporters** 

Burma's military government pro-democracy protests in Kyi, the opposition leader, move left them without

Chinese budget, receiving a the economy - apparently in policy. recognition of its increased Cons opened fire on anti-government demonstrators last June.

will get 28.97 billion yuan military spending. (£3.78 billion). The Communis

education have dropped as make up for the inadequacy of Bingqian, the Finance Min- na's ailing economy.

is expelling people from their . 1988. homes to distant "satellite" Nei

towns in an apparent attempt

to weaken support for oppo-

sition parties in the national

elections in May.
One Western diplomat in

200,000 people had been

evicted from the city, Man-

dalay and Taunggyi in the past

year. Another diplomat put the figure at "many tens of thousands", while a Rangoon

lawyer estimated the number

The families, described by

the authorities as "slum squat-

ters", have been forced out of

homes they have occupied for

Witnesses say that the Gov-

ernment has mixed motives

at half a million.

The military was given a proportions of total ex- military expenditure caused ister, described the situation financial lift in yesterday's penditure. The injection of by inflation". funds into the forces rather bigger percentage increase in than to agriculture is inconsisfunds than any other sector of tent with recent statements of also accepted the resignation

importance since troops and politicians have criticized policies of the past few years, which they say have neglected The armed forces were the peasants, and now empha-awarded a 15 per cent rise in size increased investment in more powerful Central Milifunds compared with 1989, agriculture. The windfall for tary Commission of the party while education received 9.8 the armed forces is also in- last November. per cent more and agriculture consistent with efforts in re-7.9 per cent. National defence cent years to streamline

The Communist Party regovernment expenditure, at 35.09 billion yuan, and agriculture receives 21.48 billion yuan. Nevertheless, this is the first time in four years that the allocations to agriculture and decrease of the first time in four years that the allocations to agriculture and the first time in four years that the allocations to agriculture and the first time in four years that the first time in four years that the allocations to agriculture and the first time in four years that the first ti

Neighbourhoods that might

become active in the election

campaign have also been sin-

Residents of Bahan One

the Rangoon constituency

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gled out for destruction.

The National People's Con-

gress, now in 16-day session, of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Conservative economists senior leader, from the and politicians have criticized chairmanship of the State Military Commission. This was no surprise, since he

Mr Jiang Zemin, the party over that post from Mr Deng, is the only candidate for the Funds for education still alizes that the Army is the chairmanship of the state austerity measures, proposing account for a higher share of most important guard against body. He has admitted he has new injections of money into no military experience, and the economy. Mr Deng and President Yang

behind the military.

would have contested - suf-fered more than most. She has

been under house arrest for

eight months and banned

from running in the election.

A West German par-liamentary delegation which

visited Burma last month said

to settlements north of the city

where water, electricity and

other basic services were inad-

The Bonn MPs verified

reports that deaths and illness

had occurred among the new settlers as a result of the harsh

treatment. Malaria and other diseases were rife, they said,

and many children were mal-

nourished because food sup-

plies did not reach their

Some people cannot afford

to buy food because the forced

desolate localities.

equate or non-existent.

as "precarious", and listed problems of a sluggish market, of enterprises stopping production, and a falling growth rate for industrial production.

The austerity campaign introduced in the autumn of 1988 caused "financial procedures to become chaotic in some places". It added: "The ideas of hard work, thrift and economy and going through a period of austerity have not really become ingrained."

Mr Li Peng, the Prin Minister, has already called for partial removal of the

A Western diplomat said are seen as the real powers the budget seemed to be a collection of stop-gap mea-Yesterday's budget docu- sures which did not tackle the ment, presented by Mr Wang underlying problems of Chi-

money. They lost not only

homes but also shops and

workplaces. They get free land

which often is too arid to

cultivate, but they pay for the

move and new dwellings

The government-controlled

Blocks of flats are going up

in place of the old homes.

Local people say most of the new housing is allocated to government officials, military

personnel and members of the

National Unity Party, the

successor to the Burmese

Socialist Programme Party

There are also other induce-

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the relocation was being executed in "a brutal way". Most offences. Officials describe the relocation as "slum

#### Attack on Taiwan poll 'farce'

From Catherine Sampson Peking

President Lee Teng-hui of Taiwan was re-elected yesterday against the backdrop of a sit-in by students who have condemned the elections as a farce and bitter factional fighting within the ruling National-

candidate, won on a vote in an electoral college which con- | sists largely of octogenarians elected on the mainland 40 years ago who have not faced re-election since. It is this electoral procedure which has been the focus of harsh criticism from Taiwan's usually nassive students.

Opposition and students alike have called for the scrapping of the elections and for a more democratic procedure. Some 3,000 students have been holding a six-day sit-in in the Chiang Kai-shek

Forty are on hunger strike and two are in hospital. They have called it Taiwan's Tiananmen", but the authorities are aware that their condemnation of Peking's crackdown means that they have to treat the students with caution. The President was expected to meet student leaders yesterday to defuse the

The student movement has drawn widespread support. Students and teachers are holding rallies in sympathy throughout the island, and are sending food and money to the students in Taipei.

Reuter reported from Taipei on Tuesday that riot police had built barbed-wire barricades around the building where the meeting took place. Despite Mr Lee's popularity, the old guard had tried to split the party for the first time

by proposing two candidates to run against him and his deputy, Mr Li Yuan-zu.

Mr Lee, who was the only

Memorial Square.

Knesset (parliament).

Mr Peres's first act yes-

Inside the Ink Palace that African head of state and a avertooks Windhoek. Presi-ranking member of a Soviet overlooks Windhoek, Presi-

Cabinet. "Our talks were positive and constructive," Mr de Klerk said as they smiled and shook hands for press phototiently in the next office. The graphers. Mr Shevardnadze continued: "I just want to add Malagasy delegation is pothat it was a necessary meeting which has taken place in an A presidential aide sticks important phase of the devhis head into another office and calls "Romania? Two elopment of this region, and of the world."

Stirring stuff. Mr de Klerk appeared to be less pleased by a chance encounter with Mr Down the road, Mr Nelson Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, who approached him in a sports stadium and warmly shook his hand in full view of the international media. Ever the opportunist, Mr Dietrich Genscher, the West Arafat beamed towards the German Foreign Minister, cameras, but Mr de Klerk's smile was distinctly strained. A German brass band

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drowned out the tribal drums outside Mr Genscher's residence to bid him a happy 63rd birthday. Mr Baker entered into the festive spirit and presented the minister with a gift, saying: "You share the same birthday as Namibia, and that is an auspicious world affairs as it plays host to event."

With accommodation at a premium in the normally sleepy town of 100,000 people, international incidents are inevitable. South African sound technicians preparing for a concert emerged shaken from a late-night confrontation in the Safari Hotel when they banged on the wrong door to rouse a member of their crew. The angry Libyaus who opened it apparently believed they were being attacked.

For the Namibian organizers, the independence party has been a logistical nightmare. A consignment of flags of the attending nations was delivered without identification or instructions on which way up they should be flown. The problem was solved at the last minute with a curio shop producing a table place-mat adorned with the flags of the world.

Even Mr Hage Geingob, the urbane Prime Minister of Namibia, had a disconcerting lapse while announcing forand a few are embarrassing. A eign dignitaries at a mass rally. 90-minute conference between Mr de Klerk and Mr of ..." - pause to confer with Shevardnadze yesterday was the first between a South popped Mr Arafat, grinning.

#### The Namibian Cabinet

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# Peres starts wooing religious parties

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Amid jubilation on the Israeli about the "disaster" of a Labour leader, yesterday set about trying to form a new government which will accept the US-backed plan for Israeli-Palestinian talks on elections

in the occupied territories, President Herzog, explaining why he had invited Mr Peres and not Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud leader and caretaker Prime Minister, to form a new administration. said that Labour and its allies formed the largest group in the

Shamir to see if he would join a further "national unity" coalition of the kind which collapsed over the peace issue last week. But Mr Shamir refused, and Labour sources said Mr Peres's overture had been a formality.

left, Mr Shimon Peres, the Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, which would threaten the very existence of Mr Moshe Katsav, the Min-

ister of Transport, said Likud could no longer be a partner in any Peres government.

Mr Peres has three weeks in which to prove he can form a government, with a further three weeks to try again if he fails. After that President Herzog can invite Mr Shamir to form an administration.

Labour sources said that Mr. Peres was actively courting the terday was to telephone Mr religious parties, including Agudat Israel, which has five seats, and which has reportedly been offered the ministries of labour and housing. ● TUNIS: Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said yes-terday the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories had Senior Likud officials im- brought down the Israeli Govmediately went on the offen-emment and his Fatah movesive, claiming that a Labour-ment pledged to intensify the led government would bring 27-month-old rebellion.

# Pills fail to dull Cairo cacophony

Rangoon said that at least which Daw Aung San Suu

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

world's greatest urban night- Valium. mare was provided yesterday in an official report revealing that the deafening noise-level is now held responsible for driving more than half its 12 million population to the versity, found that as a direct regular use of sedatives and sieeping pills.

The incessant blare of horas from one million cars and the wail of loudspeakers from the thousands of mosques has forced 62 per cent of residents to resort to pills to get to sleep, the report said. The amplified Islamic call to prayer is broadcast five times a day, each mosque slightly out of time with the other.

phony of background noise emanating from car horns, antiquated buses and morning calls to the faithful found that

The survey, financed by the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Studies and conducted under the aegis of Professor Adel el-Marlawi of Cairo Uniresult of the noise, 33 per cent of the population suffered from high blood pressure and productivity was 14 per cent below the national average.

The professor's team of investigators set up monitoring equipment for a week at eight key venues in the city - the largest in Africa - including the furne-clogged thoroughfare that leads to the pyramids A straw poll, conducted at at Giza. They, like most of the nation's ancient monuments, shouting pitch against a caco- are facing severe problems phony of background noise because of the degraded

environment The researchers, working shown during a recent twobetween 7am and 10pm,

Scientific backing for Cairo's the favoured antidote was discovered what most res- the police. During that period, unenviable claim as the Valinil, a local version of idents have long suspected, a total of 250,000 tickets were Egyptians as Umm el-Donya

times higher than internationally accepted health standards. Using a sample of residents aged between 20 and 50, the report isolated noise from Cairo's other main social ills as a cause of nervous disturbance and hypertension. It found that the city's hopelessly ineffectual traffic police

were among the main victims of the noise factor. The report pointed out that the traffic chaos arose mainly because neither drivers nor pedestrians bothered to pay any attention to regulations. The enormity of the prob-

lem facing the authorities was

week crackdown organized by

but never had been able to handed out, including 33,000 prove, that noise levels in for cars left in no-parking parts of the city known to areas, 23,850 for crossing red lights, and more than 13,000 (mother of the world) are 10 for illegal use of the horn.

But as a short walk through the dusty streets showed yesterday, the campaign has had no noticeable effect. Pedestrians could be seen picking their way gingerly through pools of overflowing sewage because of closely parked vehicles they were unable to get on to the pavements.

The extent of the environmental problem which, as well as noise, involves air pollution and overcrowding of monumental proportions, was described by Dr Bahaadin Bakri, who founded the Egyptian Greens Party. "In Germany, they are talking about the quality of life. Here, we are concerned about survival."

#### Racism row taints Australian poll From Christopher Thomas, Brisbane The Canberra Government project amounts to the cock appeared determined who scored a paltry 18 per

attempted to appease Japanese anger yesterday over the emergence of a clear racist tone in the final days of the Australian election campaign.

Australian officials fear that Tokyo's perception of anti-Japanese sentiment may sound the death knell for joint construction of a high-tech "city of the future" in Australia, known as the "multifunction polis".

The row began after Mr Andrew Peacock, the leader of the opposition Liberal Party. said unexpectedly he opposed the futuristic research-anddevelopment city, in which Australians would get jobs only if they were prepared to carry out "menial tasks".

He said he did not like "enclaves" - a choice of words that seemed almost calculated to play on a widespread misconception that the

to Canberra's relief, Mr Peaervations about Mr Peacock,

during December.

in Australia. Mr Peacock added that for-

eign nationals would lead lives in this exclusive "enclave" It was an élitist concept, with strongly support the project -10 golf courses and a private and also back the Liberals. bookmaker taking bets on the pher kings living there".

Mr Peacock said: "I have racial issues.

Japanese and Australian officials were due to discuss the controversy at a regular meet-

issue, which has backfired on him. His announcement, which took most leaders of his term for the Labor Party. that would be beyond the own party by surprise, infurireach of ordinary Australians. ated business people who

Mr Will Bailey, chief world's leading sporting executive of the Australia & events. Perhaps someone had New Zealand Bank, said that New Zealand Bank, said that overdosed on Plato's Republic the announcement was the "and wants a mob of philoso- result of short-term political considerations.

There was embarrassment not injected any note of and anger in Mr Peacock's racism into this election." He own party, too. Mr John accused Mr Bob Hawke, the Elliott, the Liberal Party presi-Prime Minister, of having a dent, has been one of the "grubby, deceitful" record on staunchest advocates of the project and has argued forcefully for it to be sited outside Melbourne, Victoria

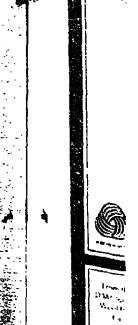
The affair seems to have

construction of a Japanese city yesterday not to be drawn into cent rating in a recent opinion further argument about the poll. His campaign appears to be in serious trouble, with every survey pointing to a fourth

The Hawke Government says it will not make a final decision on the city project until it examines the findings of a joint feasibility study now. nearing completion.

Aithough Japanese officials and business leaders refused to comment publicly yesterday, there does appear to be a growing reluctance in Tokyo to go ahead with a project that

arouses so much controversy. Meanwhile, Mr Hawke received gloomy economic news yesterday, which he turned to his advantage by declaring that mortgage interest rates would soon fall. The Bureau of Statistics reported that economic growth fell below zero



# Artistic Chernobyl in the Chapel?

Working alone five centuries own style. Later masters as ceiling of the Sistine Chapel with frescos which have been among the wonders of the the job.

made the Sistine Chapel the any images ever drawn. most controversial, as well as the most ambitious, of all modern projects to restore fragile masterpieces.

The transformation is drastic, as thousands of visitors who have passed through the chapel in the past 10 years have partially seen.

The question that will be faced next week by a symposium of art historians, meeting in Rome to see the completed results for themselves, will be whether Michelangelo's work bas been triumphantly revealed as he meant it to be, or irretrievably ruined.

The intensity of the controversy has fully measured up to the celebrated terribilita that Michelangelo's work aspires to. Professor James Beck, of Columbia University in the United States, has described the cleaning as "an artistic Chernobyl".

Professor Beck went to Rome in 1988 and after seeing the restoration of the vault and its lateral lunettes, by then almost completed, he repeatedly appealed to the Pope to stop the restoration.

At least, he begged, work should be cancelled or postponed indefinitely on the Last Judgement, the almost equally immense masterpiece of Michelangelo's old age, which covers the end wall of the chapel behind the High Altar. The restorers intend to get to work on the Last Judgement as soon as judgement has been passed on their efforts on the

Some Italian scholars, including the leading Florentine art historian, Dr Allesandro Conti, echoed his protests, though in less apocalyptic terms. But the Pope stood by the Vatican's own art historian. Professor Fabrizio Mancinelli, and by the head of the team of restorers, Signor Gianluigi Colalucci.

Observers say that the dusky saints and prophets painted on the cracking plaster have emerged almost un-recognizable - "dressed in chirpy Benneton colours". with half their majesty and mystery stripped away.

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could scarcely be higher. The frescos of the Sistine Chapel have some claims to be considered the most influential single work of art in the history of painting since the Renaissance. They are the definitive example of the monumental and idealized style which pointed the development of European painting to mannerism and the

Even contemporaries as gifted and temperamentally unlike Michelangelo as Ra-phael recognized the force of his heroic conception of the human body, and absorbed much of his spirit into their Face values: Controversy has surrounded the transformation of murky detail into an almost metallic intensity of colour.

ago, Michelangelo Buonarroti diverse as William Blake and took four years to cover the Henry Moore were deeply marked by his influence.

But the significance of the frescos is much more than an world ever since. A team of academic matter of art hisnine restorers have just fin- tory. The host of figures ished refurbishing his work, and have taken 10 years over architectural details of the ceiling include many which But it is not questions of have entered the common labour productivity that have imagination as profoundly as

Most obviously, they include the image of the creation of Adam, where God's finger commandingly touches the languid figure of the awakening nude, and sends life flow-ing into his limbs like an electric current. But they include many other scenes from Genesis and the prophetic books, and also individual figures — pensive cherubs and Sibyls who have strayed puzzlingly into the Bible out of the Classics - which possess an enigmatic and unforgettable majesty.

The Sistine Chapel, project of revolutionary boldss, is the work not of one Michelangelo but two, for his mood changed and darkened between 1512, when he painted the ceiling, and 1541, when he completed the Last Judgement.

So a restorer who ruined the Sistine frescos would have done damage on a historic scale. If the verdict goes against him, Signor Colahucci has guaranteeed himself an immortality comparable with that of the unfortunate Daniele da Volterra, "il braghettone" ("the knickersmaker"), who was commissioned by the prudish Pope Paul IV to paint draperies over the nudes of the Last Judgement a few years after Michelangelo finished work.

For technical reasons, the changes are irrevocable, whether for better or worse. The



dles, and the efforts of unskilled earlier restorers, or whether they include finishing touches that were made by Michelangelo himself.

In the fresco technique, the surface to be decorated is given a layer of fresh plaster, and the colour is then applied point in dispute is whether the . while the plaster is still wet. layers the restorers have The wet plaster absorbs the

technique demanding the highest skill in working rapidly before the plaster dries, without making mistakes.

In the Sistine Chapel, the layer of plaster has for centuries been covered by a coat of glue-size. This has given a varnish-like gloss to the matt surface of the plaster, but over time it has darkened. The stripped away are darkening colour, and then dries to form question is whether Michelan- before. He complained in his

across the scene, and to allow himself to add the kind of afterthoughts and corrections that an oil painter customarily puts in, but are denied to the painter who works in fresco.

There is some doubt about how far Michelangelo was skilled in the technique. He does not appear to have done much work in the medium

accretions left by the soot of a layer of colour surface which gelo himself applied the size, journals and in a poem written small army of Japanese five centuries of votive canis bonded to the wall. It is a to cast a mysterious dimness while he was working on the photographers and film crew. ceiling that he "is not in the right place, nor is he a

> The unfamiliar task was herculean, physically as well as intellectually. Contrary to popular belief and to the Charlton Heston interpretation, he did not work on his back but, perhaps even more uncomfortably, standing up with his head thrown back. He worked alone, year after year, refusing to use assistance sent from Florence despite Papal pressure to finish the job Critics of the restoration

terms with a Sistine Chapel which is brilliant and luminous, almost metallic in the intensity of its colours. A new Michelangelo very different from the dark and

have difficulty in coming to

sombre images we had become used to has emerged from the murk. The supporters of the restoration claim that Michelangelo only very rarely added

that in these isolated cases it has not been touched. Even their opponents have to concede that many shrouded images which could not be made out before, such as Noah's Ark, now stand out clearly. But rightly or wrongly, the details they have removed have gone for ever.

A degree of national amour some of the protests from the Italian side. The project was controversial before the first restorer ever laid a brush on the ceiling. The team of restorers are Italian, but they have worked throughout under the watchful eyes of a

In 1980, Italy's national pride was painfully wounded when the Vatican announced that the restoration of "La Sistina" was to be financed by Nippon Television Network Corporation, which in exchange for \$3 million, by today's standards a relatively paltry sum, obtained exclusive photographic, film and television rights to the restoration up until 1995. The injury to national pride, however, was soon forgotten when the Vatican let it be understood that the Japanese corpora-tion's offer had simply not been matched by any Italian

corporation, private or public. To vindicate their muchcriticized project, the Vatican authorities have arranged a big exhibition, to be opened by the Pope on Saturday. It will tell the story of how Pope reluctant Michelangelo to complete the half-finished

scheme of frescos in the

chapel, and how it influenced later generations of painters. There will also be a large section dedicated to the methods and techniques of the restoration project. The exhibits include a letter from Julius II to Michelangelo in which the decorations of the chapel are commissioned and a detailed list of the costs involved. The British Museum, propre may be involved in the Ashmolean Museum and the Uffizi Gallery in Florence, among others, have lent the

> drawings for the chapel. Paintings and drawings by Caravaggio, Raphael, Anni-bale Carracci and Rubens have been borrowed from

Vatican a series of preparatory

illustrate the influence of the Sistine Chapel on other artists. There are also more than 40 16th-century prints showing the wide popular interest the Sistine Chapel project aroused in its own time.

One detail in the section displaying Michelangelo's techniques helps to confirm that he was not the kind of fumbler who needed to go back over his work making corrections. The usual technique of the fresco artist was to prepare a full-scale paper sketch, or cartoon, for each part of a composition. The paper would be perforated round the outline, and the cartoon held up against the wall. It would be patted with a pag of white powder to trans-

fer the design to the wall. But according to Vatican art-historians, Michelangelo's confidence and dexterity were such that he painted some of the smaller sections, the lunettes around the windows, virtually free-hand.

An even more significant detail is a discovery made a couple of years ago, during the restoration. A patch of painted plaster was found which had been covered up in a repair of the vault of the chapel. This repair can be reliably dated to 1568, several years after Michelangelo's death.

Underneath the repair work. Michelangelo's paint layer could be seen without an trace of the notorious layer of

"I am quite sure the gluesize was not applied by Michelangelo," says Sharon Cather, an art historian at the Courtauld Institute, who has visited the Sistine Chapel several times to study the work in progress. "It is in-conceivable that he would have gone to all that trouble only to cover it all up with a layer of glue."

Experts in restoration point out that the Michelangelo controversy is not unique. A similar furore breaks out almost every time a much-loved painting is cleaned.

"It seems to surface fairly regularly, because its such an emotive issue," says Peter Young, a specialist in painting conservation at the Victoria & Albert Museum.

The consensus of expert opinion seems to be moving towards the view that the Sistine Chapel has been renewed, not ruined. Once they have got their breath back, Signor Colalucci and his col-Julius II prevailed on the leagues will probably be allowed to come to grips with the far more baleful expanse of the Last Judgement, which old age when he was in deep fear of the judgement he would have to face shortly.

One more controversy faces the restorers as they move on to the end wall. Should they sweep away the lingerie painted on by da Volterra 450 years ago? It flouts Michelangelo's concept, but after so long, it is are an integral aspect of the history of the counter-Reformation. At an earlier stage, it was announced that modesty was to prevail, but the latest news is that no final decision has been taken. The battle over the knickers is one that could keep the Vatican in turmoil for years to come.

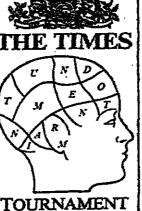




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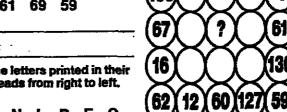
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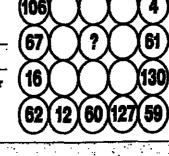
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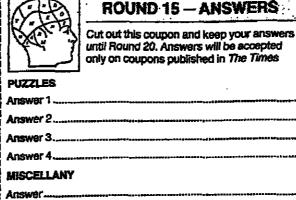
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t last someone has had the guts to own up. With Kenneth Baker and other ministers back-pedalling to avoid being blamed for the poll tax, the right-wing think-tank, the Adam Smith Institute, has stuck its hand in the air and admitted — indeed claimed — yes, it was us. It has just published The First Hundred, a checklist of its "innovative ideas" which have "made their way into public policy". And there possible at number 10 among the And there, nestling at number 10 among the ASI's greatest hits, is the community charge, first urged on the Government in 1983 and again in 1985. The ASI even recommended using Societary as a mineraging Moreover, it using Scotland as a guinea-pig. Moreover, it takes great satisfaction in seeing so many of its ideas "having so tangible a result"—which, I suppose, is one way of describing the Government's trailing in the opinion polls by 20 per cent. The ASI document is subtitled "Ideas have consequences". As subtitled "Ideas have consequences". As one government backbencher ruefully remarked yesterday, one of them might be mass Tory unemployment after the next election.

n the same subject, Militant-supporting Labour MP Dave Nellist has invited a variety of poll tax refuseniks from the pop world to the House of Commons next Monday to encourage everyone else to "funk" the tax. Those adding their musical voices to the cell for adding their musical voices to the call for mass non-payment include Neneh Cherry, Jimmy Somerville, the Proclaimers and Beat International, who, I am told, currently top the charts. No doubt we shall hear squeats of outrage from the Tories about "corrupting the youth of our nation", although I suspect that record companies will quietly settle poll tax demands on behalf of their errant stars, while most of their fans are too young to pay anyway.

A s the rest of the globe casts off socialism, Kenneth Baker remarked the other day, the eyes of the world are upon Mid-Staffordshire to see if Britain is about to re-embrace it. He has a point. Media representatives from the United States, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland, Spain, France and Sweden are among those who have been tramping the streets of Lichfield these past few days. Apart from making one realize how insular Britain is (can you imagine the British press covering a by-election in Switzerland?), this inter-national interest also produced an unforgettable incident on the stump with Charles Prior, the Tory candidate. His minder, the irascible Gerald Howarth, MP for neighbouring Cannock, imperiously instructed a woman in their party to knock on a door and produce the occupants to meet the candidate. The instruction was duly complied with, but the woman returned some seconds later, embarrassed, to say there was no one in . "Well don't just stand there. Go and knock on the next ruddy door," barked Howarth. It was only then that the woman revealed that she was, in fact, a reporter from Belgian TV.



tity fears that John Major's first Budget this week was insufficiently tough produced intense irritation in Downing Street yesterday. So much so that Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, suggested that perhaps City activity should in future be taxed at 60 per cent. "Let's see if that is strong enough for them," he was heard to tell his boss.

City, it should certainly have gone down well on the football terraces. When the Chancellor takes his seat at Wembley this Sunday to watch Chelsea play Middlesbrough in the Zenith Data Systems cup final, his £100 million windfall for soccer clubs to improve their grounds should ensure him the sort of reception previously reserved for Geoff Hurst after he scored England's winning goal in the 1966 World Cup final. Major, who as a boy used to walk from Brixton to watch Chelsea play at Stamford Bridge, hopes that at a stroke he has undone the unpopularity the Government suffered among football fans over its ill-fated identity card scheme. He and Home Office minister David Mellor, another lifelong Chelsea fan, are planning a pilgrimage to Anfield later this season to see, appro-priately enough, the Blues take on the Reds. | out - after seven years in power during which real living stan-

t was good yesterday to read Tim Congdon hewing to the L line and cleaving to the faith pioneered on this page more than 20 years ago. He is un-questionably right that, barring the most amazing luck, the Chancellor - for all his personal decency and sincerity - has not convincingly addressed infla-tion, which he himself correctly identifies as the British econo-

my's most pressing problem. The markets yesterday delivered the inevitable verdict; and, while Mr Major is perfectly entitled to appeal to the jury of "the medium term", it will be something of a miracle if that court strikes down the decision of the court of first instance. The sad fact is that any chancellor who has the slightest tendency to give anything the benefit of the doubt, let alone trust to luck, faces an insupportable probability of coming unstuck.

But there was and is a deeper significance in the Budget which Tirn Congdon, quite properly, did not address. It is this: what would be the state of the economy - and with what longterm significance for policy - if Mr Major had effectively addressed the problem of inflation, whether by monetary, fiscal, exchange rate or, indeed, superPeter Jay on the problem that defies every chancellor

# Growth: the elusive target

Tennyson acknowledged that there is more faith in an honest doubt than in all the creeds. Likewise, there is more truth in an honest slip by a chancellor of the exchequer than in all the screeds of official propaganda. One sentence in the Budget faithfully reflected in table 2.1 of the simultaneous Financial Statement and Budget Report 1990-91, was more eloquent than Whitehall's entire statistical and verbal output of the past decade. "But growth years preceding the decade in question was, to the nearest 4 should return", said Mr Major in the Budget, "in 1991 towards its

sustainable rate of around two and three-quarters per cent." The Chancellor was not to know, but this is what the entire argument of the past decade has been about have the economic policies of the past 11 years improved - or will they improve the performance of the British economy as measured by the only possible "bottom line", the rate of growth of output measured over the long-term, that is,

between comparable points in successive economic cycles? Believers, of all political persussions, have thought they would; sceptics, of equally widely distributed persuasions, have doubted it. John Major has not merely endorsed the sceptics, but has positively awarded them game, set and match, for the annual average long-term sustainable growth rate of the British economy over the 30-odd

per cent, 2% per cent. Less clinically, this 24 per cent was known as the British disease", "low growth", "stopgo" and the economy in search of a miracle. It has been a very important part of the justification of such privatizations and transformations as British society has undergone over the past I I years that the entrepreneurial culture, tax incentives, denationalization, unemployment in the low millions, trade union legisla-

and restoration of Victorian values would jointly and severally improve this economic performance.

It had been a matter of

argument between believers, for example my friend Norman Tebbit, with whom I debated this matter on London Weekend Television about a year ago, and sceptics, eg myself, whether or not the fact that no such improvement was visible in the "bottom line" GDP growth figures for the period 1979-89 justified doubt that the medicine, however liberally pre-scribed, had benefited the patient. Believers fell back on the claim that, even if there had not yet actually been any visible improvement, for example in the actual annual average GDP growth rate from cyclical peak to peak between 1979 and 1989, the missing evidence of the miracle was still in the pipeline and would surface in the 1990s.

Chancellor himself has let the cat out of the bag just when we expected the rabbit out of the hat. The long-term underlying sustainable rate of growth of the economy, up to which Mr Major hopes to return by 1992-93, after more than a dozen years averaging about 2 per cent is - just

what it always was. Serious economics must be preoccupied with the question why Britain did so badly in the first 30 years after the war, why it did specially badly in the next dozen years and why, according to the present Chancellor, it is not likely to do any better from 1992 onwards. If there is a sovereign remedy

or even a useful prescription, we seem in Britain to be as far away from finding it as we ever were through all the twists and turns of macroeconomic wisdom from "Butskellism" through Macmillan's "savings Budget", Thorneycroft's orthodoxy, Heathcoat Amory's Major-like

expansionism, Selwyn Lloyd? "guiding light", Maudling's indicative planning George Brown's mayhem, Roy Jenkins' balanced budgets, Tony Barber's monetary explosion, Denis Healey's monetarism (disguised as pay policy), Geoffrey Howe's slump and Nigel Lawson's return to discretionary Keynes-ianism (disgnised as a medium-term financial strategy without controlling monetary aggre-

We ought to devote the same, perhaps greater, energy and talent to explaining this real failure that we have devoted for so lone - and rightly - to understanding how to control inflation, even if the only use of that latter discovery is not to control inflation but to draw attention to the errors and omissions of chancellors who fail to control it. And, when we have cracked that mystery, we might start asking why, when we get back in 1992-3 to John Major's sustainable growth rate, it will be with unemployment in the low millions - actually and prospectively, as was once written on this page, "for the rest of the decade", indeed for the rest of the millennium and indefinitely

thereafter. The author is Economics Editor

### Bernard Levin samples the poison pens of the literati—and suggests a new outlet

# Men of outraged letters

journal. It is capable of allotting 3,000 words to a review of a book about 11thcentury smoke-detectors, written in a remote dialect of Nepalese, printed in an edition of 75 copies and obtainable only in Ulan Bator, invariably, the editor knows the only other man in the world who can deal with it. On the other hand, its high standards, its careful balance and its astonishing range make it indispensable for anyone interested in writing or thought.
It may well hold the record for

the smallest number of editors of any such journal — only seven, including the present one, in its 88 years. That continuity must be the clue to its lasting quality. It is difficult to believe that until the mid-Seventies, all of its reviews were unsigned, which gave countless opportunities, gleefully taken, for Professor Hypotenuse to rubbish in safety e lije's work of his dear imend and colleague Professor Katzenjammer. H.G. Wells (presumably after getting a bad review) waxed wrathful at "the anonymous greasers of the Times Lit Supp", and I am not revealing hitherto unknown secrets when I say that John Gross, approached to succeed Arthur Crook in 1974, agreed to do so only if the anonymity rule was abolished.

I confess, however, that the page I turn to first is that with the letters on it. I rather think that the space allotted to the paper's

recent years; perhaps I might here make an appeal to the present editor (Jeremy Treglown) not only to restore its former acreage but to increase it substantially. For the one thing that the TLS lacks, and as long as I have been reading it always has lacked, is fun. Perhaps the analysis of important subjects does not easily lend itself to merriment; your average 71/21b monograph on the dating of Duccio's Madonna with Three Franciscan Monks could hardly be a giggle a minute. But that is all the more reason to promote the Letters page, for the fun that is to be had there — quite unintentional, of course, — would lighten the spirits even of a reader determined to get through the entire review of the

Nepalese smoke-detector study

without skipping. The letters range widely, of course; but the heart of the page, which provides the fun, consists i replies by author: whose books have been reviewed less enthusiastically than the author thinks fitting. But that is only the top layer, there are two more. Some of the very best laughs are generated by authors who are not only cross, but who have written books which are entirely incomprehensible to any reader, however learned, not excluding the other man who knows about the Nepalese smoke-detectors. And the third laver is the introduction into the

affronted replies of names cited



to bolster the writer's case, but whom nobody at all has ever heard of. Listen to this, in the temper category, from Professor Pangle of Toronto University:

The discussion of Leo Strauss occasioned by my book The Rebirth of Classical Political Retionalism: An introduction to the thought of Leo Strauss [an unwritten rule says that the titles of the disputed books must be longer than the books themselves] is a farrage of the disputed books themselves is a farrage of the disputed books. unosually brazen misrepre-sentations. Of the quotations purportedly from Strauss's writings in the review, almost all are of words and phrases or sentences wrenched from context in such a way as to destroy the authentic original mean-ing, and to substitute in its place a specious and sinistersounding fabrication.

That's telling 'em then, eh, Pangle? But much juicier is Professor Finson of the Univer-

sity of North Carolina: Eric Sams's review of my book Robert Schumann and the Study of Orchestral Composition: The genesis of the First Symphony, Op 38, con-tains several misleading statements which cannot pass fortunate concerns the produc-tion of the libretto for Schumann's Das Paradies und die Peri. Wasielewski ... tells project came from Emil Flechsig's translation of a section from Thomas Moore's Lalla Rookh... Wasielewski also mentions that the composer may have had help from Theodor Oelkers in this

But here comes M Michael Issacharoff, taking issue with Keith Gore's revue of his Discourse as Performance. After praying in aid Benveniste, Genetic and Todorov, he gets down to it:

It is hard to believe that in 1989 a reviewer could still imagine that semiotics is merely a matter of "reducing one form of discourse to another, to tell us what we already know in the language of the semiotician". I do not make any claim to being a hand, any competent reader would recognise that the thinking in my last five books complaining about their TLS reviews insist that readers must be intimately familiar with their entire oeuvre] has been informed by concepts derived from linguistics, semiotics, philosophy of language, literary theory, the theory of reference and speech-act

theory. I could go on for a while yet items for some time — but you

get the idea by now. One more prize pippin, however, must be tended; it comes from Professor B.F. Skinner, no less, and demonstrates all three of the elements which we connoissenrs seek on our happy hunting ground: name-sprinkling ("Sperber ... Levelt ... Chomsky"), displeasure ("His contribution to an understanding of verbal behaviour was as negligible then as it is now"), and above all incomprehensibility:

Behaviour is selected by its consequences. Listeners mediate the consequences of verbal behaviour and the ways in which they do so account for the types of verbal behaviour discussed in my book. Cognitive psychologists never speak directly of variation and selection. The process seems selection. The process seems to give behaviour an orientation towards the future, and they deal with that as intention, but like purpose in natural selection intention is simply wrong. Behaviour is explained not by the con-sequences that lie ahead, but by those that have followed in

any years ago, when small magazine, one of its more assiduhave been collecting these ous correspondents, who thought nothing of sending three

publication, on subjects as diverse as bee-keeping, the Gold Standard and the innocence (or possibly the guilt) of Richard III, came up with a wheeze which even for him was extravagantly unusual. Why, he asked, doesn't somebody found a magazine consisting entirely of readers' letters? I laughed; but I could not get the idea out of my head, and the more I thought about it, the less able I was to see the fallacy, though I was certain that there must be one. For the life of me, though, I still cannot see it. Every newspaper and magazine gets scores or even hundreds of readers' letters a day, of which it can print only a tiny proportion. Add up those writers, and they of thousands, I should think. Interminable arguments would fill the columns, new recruits would rush to write, and of course would have to buy the magazine to see their words immortalized.

The more I think about it, the more I am convinced that my correspondent had an idea as momentous as Newton under the apple tree. It is still not too late, and I have the perfect title: The Times Literary Supplement

#### Hawke set to pluck a stumbling Peacock Савретта Christopher Thomas sees Australians sticking to the devil they know

f Australians were not obliged by law to vote, many would undoubtedly boycott the general election on Saturday. They have lost faith in the governing Labor Party, which looks tired, and do not trust the opposition Liberals, who look inept. A growing "undecided" vote is seeking a new home, Whether or not the Budget pleased the giving fringe groups an unprece-

dented opportunity.

The "plague on both their houses" sentiment has dulled even the charismatic prime minister, Bob Hawke. He has campaigned with dour gravity, warning that the road ahead will be hard. Home owners groan audibly as they battle to pay 17 per cent interest on their mortgages, while wages are restrained under a prices and incomes pact between unions and government.

By any normal political criteria, Mr Hawke should be on the defensive - if not on the way

dards have fallen and at a time when Australia seems poised to enter a recession. Instead he tears into the Liberal/National Party coalition as though it were to blame, knocking its economic policies with devastating effect. Labor's lead in every opinion poll is testimony to Mr Hawke's personal popularity and the widespread perception of Andrew Peacock, the Liberal leader, as a political lightweight. If the Liberals lose, Mr Peacock will certainly be replaced. Mr Hawke is a colourful, all-

man Aussie. Although teetotal for years, he once held a documented record for beer consumption. A nationally televised confession of adultery did him no political harm. He is utterly convincing on television. By contrast, Mr Peacock is a ham actor, arms flying and fists banging on the table. He has frequently fluffed the answers to economic questions, which have

embarrassingly forced him more than once to issue corrections.

If Australia's 11 million voters do grudgingly give Labor an unprecedented fourth term, it will be more by default than by desire. The outcome certainly rests with those still declaring themselves undecided. Letters to the newspapers frequently express a wish not to vote at all, because neither of the main choices holds any appeal. Refusing to vote without valid reason, however, entails a fine of A\$50 (£25). Labor in particular supports compulsory voting, be-cause it forces apathetic bluecollar voters to turn out. Others believe the system mocks the democracy it purports to uphold.
With opinion polls predicting a close race, attention is focused on the mainly middle-class Democrats, who advocate state controls, public ownership, gov-

ernment bousing and tariffs on

imported hixury goods. Their

leader, former senator Janine Haines - unaffected and with particular appeal to young people - says candidly that her aim is to seize the balance of power, just as her party's seven members sometimes hold the power balance in the Senate.

Nobody doubts that the Democrats will fare well this time. In many ways they repre-sent the policies Gough Whitlam offered Australia in 1972, before Labor began its steady shuffle to the right and became, to many eyes, almost indistinguishable from the Liberals

Then there are the Greens. At present they are diverse and divided, a hodge-podge of locally-based groups whose politics range from moderate to Marxist. If only they could unite, they would be a potent force, a channel for the public alarm over beach pollution, erosion of the outback and many other

Big groups such as the Wilderness Society and the Australian Conservation Foundation insist they are politically independent, but in practice Labor benefits most from their endorsements under the proportional repre-

The campaign is notable for what is not being discussed. The Aborigine question, for example, is not raised, and until the last few days, Japanese investment seemed taboo. Both are volatile issues beneath the surface. There is certainly widespread white resentment towards the Aborigines, most of whom are either unemployed and on the dole or working in government departments administering the huge range of aboriginal assistance schemes. The Liberals say they would cut these schemes, although they have not made it an election issue.

Japanese purchases of Austrahan real estate provoke frequent protests. A Tokyo-Camberra feacity in Victoria has led to angry talk of a Japanese "enclave" in Australia.

In a surprise announcement this week, Mr Peacock said that if elected he would abandon the project - a statement that seems somewhat premature, since the result of the feasibility study has yet to be announced. He was immediately denounced by opponents for introducing a "racist" note into the last stages of the campaign in a desperate attempt to win votes.

A television camera caught Mr Peacock calling a journalist a "bastard" for making this very point in a front-page com-mentary. The outburst was broadcast as a main item on the night's national news, which did nothing to enhance the abysmally low ratings of a man who has laboured so long under the electorate's suspicion that he lacks substance. The Peacock, says a popular jibe, is all feathers and no meat.

# Mandela in pride of place

Tobannesburg. I felt a shade uneasy visiting Sun City because of my union; a few years ago Equity advised members not to go there. Bophuthaiswana, it argued, was not an independent country. It was manipulated by an administration whose politics it deplored. and a committee recommended that performers invited to appear there should decline. I did not go to perform. I went

as a customer to have dinner and play No. 24 at the roulette table. But Equity's recommendation has very considerable merit; Do not go to Sun City. Forget about quasi-independence (also forgive the excesses of the police officer in the village of Phockeng - one is tempted to say Phockeng policeman - who appears to be trying to achieve personal independence by fining motorists who exceed 40 mph on the wide carriageways of his bailiwick). taurant should be especially high What is wrong with Sun City is on a trade union's blacklist: five What is wrong with Sun City is its monumental incompetence. The hundreds of people who work there look as if they hate it. The security men who are everywhere know nothing and consider questions like "Where is the swimming pool?" suspicious. The barmen have not heard of malt whisky, the cashiers seem programmed only to give out chips, not cash them in, so that winners lose heart trying to realize their fortunes and shove the coins back into the machines - which are 15 per cent greedier than their cousins in Atlantic City

Dinner at the Peninsula Res-

and Las Vegas.

attempts to obtain a hot toddy for my sore throat met with failure. The menu lists New Brunswick Smoked Salmon. It arrived grey and over-onioned, having made possibly the longest, most point-less journey ever undertaken by mediocre food. Dishes are cooked in the kitchens and then burnt on plates under fierce flames in the restaurant; a "complimentary" sorbet melts in a glass that is five times too large for it. If the soup had been as hot as the champagne, the champagne as old as the chicken . . . never mind. I ordered a double brandy and



about one and a half. I asked for a measure. Now any restaurant manager who knows his job would have refused, for one loses much face in being proved wrong. they brought a glass containing. A measure was brought. I was

right. No one apologized. I hope Equity bears this information in mind when it reviews the ban, but it might reconsider Johannesburg. Not great, you understand, but nice, and value for money.

I went to the Kapitan Indian restaurant on the first floor of an unpromising, decrepit building in the downtown market area. The stairs are wondrously ramshackle; rumour has it that the street has not long before the buildozers move in. The Transvaal heritage lobby lacks clout, and in truth there is not much reason for preservation except that this is where Nelson Mandela used to have lunch when he worked nearby as a lawyer.

There are about 20 tables and, as is customary in establishments that were once frequented by the great, every customer yesterday sat at "the table where Nelson used to sit when he lunched here". The floor is lino-tiled in red and black and white; the walls are covered with banners and posters, small flags and ribbons and photographs. There is a placard of some long-forgotten

bull-fight, with the names of real matadors, not that of an extrovert grockle slipped between known practitioners. The tablecloths are patterned

red and yellow, a waitress brings plates of somosa and slices of not very hot deep-fried aubergine, to

deter one from expecting too much. But the place has heart and real warmth and a genuine spread of customers - black and white and coloured, well dressed and casual, young and old, local and tourist — and Mrs Kapitan, who owns the place, is a charismatic old bird, wonderfully versed in defusing difficult customers. A three-course lunch for four with

10 cans of cold local beer cost £30. Pride of place on the wall goes to a framed letter sent in September of last year by the most famous client. It was written from prison in response to the news that developers have their eye on this part of downtown Joburg. "Over the last 28 years", he writes in a fine hand, "we have lost so many dear friends and favourite places." He goes on to hope that sanity will prevail and good find will continue to be available. What a star.

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#### THE BIRMINGHAM SIX

The release last year of the so-called Guildford Four inevitably drew attention to the six men convicted of the 1974 Birmingham bombings who are still serving life sentences. This attention has now led the Home Secretary, Mr David Waddington, to announce that new matters have come to his attention which justify further police inquiries.

The Birmingham convictions were vigorously challenged at the time and afterwards, and equally vigorously upheld by the Court of Appeal in 1988. Recent police inquiries into the conduct of the West Midlands serious crimes squad (some of whose officers were involved in the Birmingham cases) have now clearly undermined public confidence in those convictions. The Guildford affair showed how dangerously fallible a jury trial can be if the police have behaved with less than scrupulous integrity. This is particularly so when prosecution evidence relies heavily on alleged confessions made to the police, as in both the Guildford and the Birmingham cases.

Cold-blooded murderers of innocent people, in whatever cause, will surround their work with a veil of lies. In this case, the IRA has a special interest in casting doubt on the purity of English justice. The killing of 21 people by bombs planted in public houses in Birmingham in 1974 was, before Lockerbie, the worst such murderous attack in Britain since the war. Not only was a jury convinced of the guilt of the six, but the Court of Appeal expressed itself utterly confident that, even in the light of subsequent evidence, the jury had reached the right decision.

These are all good reasons for the Home Secretary to proceed cautiously. If he is satisfied that the new material put before him by the defence goes to the issue of guilt, the normal course for him to follow would be to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal. But this presents afresh an important issue raised by Lord Scarman and Lord Devlin in connection with the Guildford Four, which has since dropped out of sight largely because those cases were resolved without it having to be

Those two illustrious legal figures com-

plained with great force, in an article in The Times in November 1988, that one of the barriers to justice for the Guildford Four had been the Court of Appeal's insistence on substituting itself for a jury, contrary to the intentions of the Criminal Appeal Act of 1968. A perverse legal doctrine had developed, they argued, that it was proper for appeal judges to ask themselves whether they believed in any new evidence, rather than ask themselves the question which Parliament intended in the Act: whether the new evidence ought to be looked at again by a new jury, together with all the original evidence.

This was a fundamental breach of the principle in common law that the judgement of fact in criminal proceedings on indictment must be by jury. Lord Scarman and Lord Devlin went back to 1670 to recall that Chief Justice Vaughan had mocked how "every man sees that the jury is but a troublesome delay, a great charge, and of no use in determining right and wrong, and therefore the tryals by them may be better abolish'd than continued." It was, Vaughan added sarcastically, "a strange new-found conclusion."

Full retrials before a jury after a long period are best avoided, but in some circumstances justice demands them. The Court of Appeal appears to think it never does, on the grounds that judges — despite Chief Justice Vaughan's warning — can make all the decisions needed. But the final outcome of this court's handling of the Guildford Four did not add to public confidence in its procedures or its fairmindedness. Quite simply, the court appears to have gone wrong from a reluctance to expose the opinions of judges to the test of a jury trial.

The Home Secretary would be right, in consultation with the Lord Chancellor, to look again at the arrangements for criminal appeals in general, and to do so with the Scarman-Devlin objections in mind. Pending such a reform, if there are good reasons for the Home Secretary to doubt whether a jury would still have convicted the Birmingham Six, he should even consider, as an alternative to yet another referral to the Court of Appeal, the exercise of the royal prerogative.

#### **SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE**

Classical colonialism ended in Africa this week. Namibia's independence was greeted by an impressive, if incongruous, assembly of foreign dignitaries, tribal dancers and drum majorettes parading joyfully through the dusty streets of Windhoek.

The world's newest nation has much to celebrate. Its Government has been freely elected and will be subject to constitutional safeguards rare in Africa, including a two-term limit on the presidency and a strong bill of rights. Long may they survive the continent's reputation as a graveyard of such good intentions. Peace in Namibia also holds the prospect of an end to the civil war in its northern neighbour, Angola, from which, under the 1988 Namibia settlement, Cuba's 50,000 troops must now withdraw.

The claim by the UN Secretary-General that this event is a "triumph for the rule of law" none the less strains credulity. Nor, as has often been asserted, is it a triumph for the United Nations and its famous 1978 Resolution 435. Namibia is the child of realpolitik, and is probably the more secure for that: an example of what closed-circuit negotiations, backed by military pressure and discreet cooperation between the two super-powers, can achieve when the spirit is willing.

The eight-year involvement of Mr Chester Crocker, President Reagan's assistant secretary for Africa, to whom negotiating credit for the settlement should go, was expressly aimed at "linking" independence with Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola. This linkage was regularly denounced in the UN General Assembly and by African states and was achieved only when the Soviet Union decided firmly to commit itself, through its Cuban surrogates, to stemming the advance of South Africa's Unita surrogates in Angola. South Africa saw the writing on the wall and promptly sued for peace.

The new country will now lose not only direct South African budget subsidies but also the purchasing power of South African troops and the UN peace-keeping force. First among its formidable tasks is to find jobs for the three out of five of its small population of 1.5 million who are formally unemployed. The outlook is not hopeless. The land itself, one and a half times the size of Texas, is potentially rich. Thanks to its South African masters, Namibia has a good infrastructure and more graduates than most African countries had at independence. It also has wonderful tourist potential. It is the fourth largest minerals producer in Africa, with large reserves of uranium, diamonds and base metals.

The most pressing need is thus for new investment, stern capitalist discipline and a moderation in the archaic Marxist ramblings of its new president, Mr Sam Nujoma. The last thing his country needs is the promise of "significant" state ownership in a mixed economy or any pressure for the automatic transfer of well-run white-held land to black ownership. The days of the old political religion are surely over in southern Africa.

Namibia will remain what it has long been, a relatively minor economic offshoot of South Africa, akin to Botswana or Swaziland. Nothing much is likely to happen in Windhoek without Pretoria's hand somewhere in the background. For the time being, this is probably no bad thing for Namibia's prosperity and stability. South Africa has been relatively scrupulous, both in honouring its commitments under Resolution 435 and in conducting an orderly withdrawal. This has been partly in the knowledge that withdrawal is political but hardly economic.

Namibia today is an excellent example of a minor country that demands the sympathetic neglect of the rest of the world. It does not want the inflation that massive aid would bring. It does not want lecturing or posturing or patronizing. Its future lies in maintaining good relations with its neighbours, particularly South Africa, in that rare phenomenon on the continent, a relatively prosperous region. New nations live in peace most successfully when

#### **GIVE AND TAKE**

"The voluntary spirit of personal giving, of personal generosity, is part of the British character." Thus the Prime Minister two years ago. The voluntary spirit is apparently not enough. however, to survive unaided by the taxpayer. hence the encouragement in Mr Major's inaugural Budget this week and the resulting warm response from charities and the arts.

Under his new Gift Aid scheme, charities and arts bodies may "reclaim" income tax paid by donors on donations of between £600 and £5 million, while the donors themselves can claim relief from top rate down to standard rate. In effect, one-off gifts are thus to be treated the same as covenants. Along with other reforms, including VAT relief on equipment for medical care, medical research and sea rescue, the innovation should benefit the charities in Britain by an estimated annual £50

The holy grail of charities tax reform - full personal tax deductibility for donations on the American model - is thus still held at bay by the Inland Revenue. The latter's aversion to spending public money through tax relief has long been respected by Chancellors of the Exchequer, however eager they may be to help their artistic and charitable friends and for all Mrs Thatcher's enthusiasm to encourage private giving.

in a nutshell, the Revenue and its Treasury masters believe that public money is better dispensed to good causes by cash-limited direct subsidies than by the reckless scatter of deductible private generosity. The man in Whitehall not only knows best but "gives" best. The Arts Council is a far finer conduit of Treasury patronage than corporate sponsors and private donors.

This scepticism was reflected in Mr Nigel Lawson's pathetically inadequate Give-as-youearn scheme. This enabled fixed and meagre sums to be regularly deducted (and taxrelieved) from pay packets and has received a poor response.

By the end of last year, fewer than 2 per cent of the potential contributors had signed up. The Charities Aid Foundation points out that in the USA, where such a scheme has been more successful, it developed only over a period of years. The slow start in this country is therefore comparable.

However, a more activist Chancellor has clearly now prevailed, albeit without overly offending the Revenue. The one-off donation is the most flexible form of giving. It responds to the emotional appeal or the carefully staged big fund-raising event, and Gift Aid should clearly be a help. As such, we must doubt whether any succeeding Chancellor will win more battles on this front.

What is now required is for the Government to tidy up the charities business in line with last year's White Paper on this topic. Of the 165,000 registered charities, it is likely that no more than 15,000 are still functioning.

The charities business is in a mess, and surrounded with suspicions of chicanery which could reflect badly on respectable ones. The Charity Commissioners will not put their own house in order. The Government must clearly force them to do so if the reinvigorated business of private giving is to flourish.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Censorship of Soviet mail

From Mr Arthur E. Smith Sir, I have just received a letter from a correspondent in the Soviet Union which took 25 days to reach me, This is a slight improvement on the previous letter, which took 35 days. My correspondent informs me that all my letters reach him unsealed, since what he euphemistically calls the pochtovaya inspeksiya, or postal inspectorate, still opens all letters from foreigners.

In pre-glasnost days we ex-pected this and on one occasion a glorious bureaucratic mix-up led to my receiving a translation of one of my own letters, evidently made by a KGB censor and accidentally slipped into the en-velope when I received a reply. But this continued censorship does not sit comfortably with Mr Gorbachov's avowed intention to join the community of nations.

The postal authorities in this country tell me that they can do little other than to draw the attention of the Soviet authorities to the delays. My correspondence is purely social and friendly, but there must be many business deals which are delayed or even aborted by this Soviet predilection for censorship.

Yours sincerely, A. E. SMITH, 59 Kelston Road. Bath, Avon. March 20.

#### Stigma of leprosy

From the Deputy Director of Lepra Sir, Catherine Adams's report on leprosy in Romania (March 13) perfectly illustrates the fact that the stigma attached to leprosy remains perhaps the greatest impediment to its successful treatment and eventual eradication.

However, she is wrong on one crucial fact: leprosy is not "an incurable disease". The multidrug therapy (MDT) recommended by the World Health Organisation since 1982 is proven to "cure" most paucibacillary (non-infectious) patients within six months and most multibacillary (infectious) patients within two years. What it cannot, of course, do is to reverse disabilities caused by nerve damage in those sufferers who do not receive prompt treatment.

It is not surprising, given the strong association between leprosy and poverty, that the Ceausescu regime was loath to admit to the existence of a community of leprosy patients. Sadly for the world's estimated 12 million leprosy sufferers, most of whom live in the poorest countries, this combination of lack of available resources and the stigma of their disease means that less than a quarter of them are so far receiving the recommended effective treatment

Yours etc. FRANK BLACK, Deputy Director, Lepra (British Leprosy Relief Association). Fairfax House, Causton Road

#### Polytechnic cuts

Colchester, Essex.

From the Rector of the Polytechnic of Central London Sir, As you correctly reported (March 16), the Polytechnic of Central London suffered the worst cash reduction (2.5 per cent) by the Polytechnics and Colleges Funding Council of any poly-

technic in the country. This was because of its determination to maintain the high quality of the courses delivered to our students. This excellence has been attested by her Majesty's Inspectors in areas as diverse as engineering, art and design, and mass media courses.

By the usual criteria used to measure efficiency, such as student/ staff ratio and unit costs, the PCL was already the first or second most efficient polytechnic in the country. In the past five years it has also been the most successful in being awarded addi-tional students by PCFC's predecessor. This polytechnic has 21 per cent postgraduate students and was therefore disadvantaged because PCFC ignored the level of

educational provision. Thus the result of the new system is to take away students and funding from one of the most efficient and successful institutions in the country and place them elsewhere, Was the Government's intention really to penalise those who were already efficient and successful in order to provide additional students to less efficient institutions?

Yours sincerely TERENCE BURLIN, Rector, Polytechnic of Central London, 309 Regent Street, W1.

#### Poll tax disquiet

From Mr Robert Breckman Sir, Having just spent several hours trying to get my elderly inlaws to co-ordinate the information required to obtain a poll tax relief for small income earners, I regard the application forms as destined to make the aged panic and cause them considerable dis-

Photostats or originals are re-quired of everything. Who, even in the best regulated households, has this documentary evidence at their fingertips? Absurd and irrelevant questions proliferate - e.g., Where is your bedroom situated in your accommodation, e.g. front, centre, rear?" and "Is your bedroom on the left-hand side or right-hand side of your accom-

#### Crisis in care of elderly and sick

warned the Government about for two years - namely that the level of income support provided by the

ings have been exhausted.

few homes in a few expensive parts of the country. The evidence clearly shows that it is widespread across the country and affects all client groups in need of residential or nursing home care.

The debate on March 13 focused on the problems facing

# Self-help at the top

at the top" (Science & Technology, March 15) is, I am sure, an accurate reflection of how chief executives feel as managers of major commercial companies. This is also proving to be the case within the voluntary sector.

Unlike commercial companies, organisation.

return to, he should tell us. We farmers have often bene-

#### Peace in Israel

From Mr M. Kahtan Sir, Does General Tillotson (March 13) really expect that a second Palestinian state controlling Nablus and Hebron, and only 14 miles from the sea, could bring

much sunshine to the soft under-

belly of Israel down below? The General complains that Sharon "makes no positive suggestion as to how democracy is to be restored to the Arabs of the West Bank". When did they have it in the first place? And when he advocates that "both Arabs and Jews belong in Palestine" is he suggesting that, at last, Jews can now settle in that part across the river Jordan and which is currently called Jordan?

As for his hint that Israel should be able to depend for her security on international safeguards and guarantees, the General should recall how long it took U Thant to proceed with the evacuation of the UN forces in Sinai in 1967, when Nasser gave him the order. They were then supposed to be a safe-guard. So thanks, but no thanks. Yours faithfully, M. KAHTAN, 32 The Green, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey.

#### **Irish courts** From Mr Barry Doyle

Sir, Once again some elected members of your country's re-spected Parliament have rushed to condemn a verdict of the Supreme Court in Ireland as evidence of some imagined default by the Irish Government in its obligation under the Anglo-Irish Agreement (report, March 13; letters, March 15).

Without expressing any view on the court's decision, may I say that this type of reaction gives rise to the most serious misgivings in this country as to how your elected representatives view the role of the courts. When British Govern-

My in-laws have never had to ask for Government help before in their lives. Their pride has been shattered. Is this what the "community" charge was supposed to do - cause aggravation and distress to old-age pensioners?

Yours faithfully, ROBERT BRECKMAN, Breckman & Company (Chartered accountants). 49 South Molton Street, W1. March 19.

tish process of law.

From Mrs Sonia Gable Sir, Philip Howard's history of the word "poind" (Old words for new, March 20) brings some light relief to an otherwise unpleasant Scot-

But he is wrong in saying that we shall in the course of poll tax collection meet with poinding in England, too. Tax collectors in

### existing residents when new

arrangements for funding and

delivery of care are introduced in

April, 1991. Just as real, however,

is the crisis facing residents and

Unless the Government

substantially increases the income

support rates this April, above the

already promised £10 per week, or

finds an equivalent funding

mechanism to bridge the gap, it

will become more and more

difficult for voluntary organ-isations and charities to continue

with their excellent work in providing residential and nursing

care for some of the most vulner-

No voluntary organisation

wishes to evict any of its residents,

but without some Government

action this is the dilemma we will

National Council for Voluntary

able members of our society.

USHA PRASHAR, Director,

Leonard Cheshire Foundation GEOFFREY DALTON,

Chief Executive, Spastics Society, JIM COULTER, Director,

National Federation Housing

This association was formed

two years ago as a mechanism for enabling chief executives of char-

ities to come together for mutual support and development. As

managers they do require much of

the training identified in the Times article, but of course their

organisations are often not able to

afford the fees charged by

INSEAD (the postgraduate school

For the time being, at least, in

true voluntary-sector style we will

have to depend to a large extent on

M. R. WHITLAM, Chairman,

of National Voluntary

105 Gower Street, WCI.

Association of Chief Executives

fited from those who have joined

us from other jobs; they bring in new ideas and money to im-

plement them. I do not think that

we shall be too influenced by Mr

Heiney, because not only has

farming become industrialised, so

has the country as a whole. Mercifully, there is now no pool of

cheap labour that his system

Gables Farm, Hemblington,

Secretary General, Mencap KEN YOUNG,

26 Bedford Square, WC1.

Organisations, A. BENNETT, Director,

have to face.

Association.

March 19.

ment.

self-help. Yours faithfully,

Organisations,

Yours faithfully,

voluntary sector providers now.

From the Director of the National Council for Voluntary

Organisations Sir, The debate and the Government defeat in the Commons on residential care (report, March 14, later editions) gave full Parliamentary recognition to a crisis that voluntary organisations have Department of Social Security for elderly people and people with disabilities is inadequate to meet the costs of residential and nursing

Voluntary organisations providing such care are being forced to absorb huge deficits something they cannot sustain for much longer. Residents and their families are being forced to seek help from sometimes five or six different charities to meet the gap between the income support rates and the fees charged by the home — often after relatives' own sav-

This problem is not unique to a

# From the Chairman of the Associ-ation of Chief Executives of National Voluntary Organisations Sir, "Battling the loneliness of life

of management at Foniainebleau) or Cranfield School of Manage-

chief executives of national charities cannot be full members of their management board, to whom they are accountable, because of charity legislation. This often puts them in an even more isolated position, particularly if they are accountable to a group of volunteer board members who are perhaps committed to the "cause" but not the management of the

#### Farming today From Mr C. R. Wace

Sir, One thing that Mr Heiney fails to mention of farming of 100 years ago ("A son of the soil in the making", Review, March 17) is the abject poverty and discomfort of the farm worker. His rural idyll was built on the sweated labour of these men who had to keep their families in pitiful bousing on very DOOF W Heiney wants the countryside to

### Museum life

demands.

Yours faithfully,

K. WALL

Norwich, Norfolk.

From Ms Dinah Bisdee Sir, My children (aged nine and twins, five) and I quite often visit London's museums. The "VDUs and inter-active

things", on which Simon Tait reports that the Director of the British Museum pours such scorn ("Another fine old mess", The Arts, March 18), greatly help their enjoyment and, I believe, allow them to think of museums as welcoming, interesting places. They particularly enjoyed "Creepy Crawlies" at the Natural History Museum and the Inuit exhibit at the Museum of Mankind, both of which had "life" in them and generated a lot of

interest. When I took them to the main British Museum it was a different matter. That museum was "dead' full of glass-cased exhibits, with hostile guards forbidding them from touching anything, and (to children) an unwelcoming atmosphere. They couldn't wait to leave, and, faced with their boredom, nor could L Yours faithfully, DINAH BISDEE

16 Elers Road, W13. March 20.

#### ment ministers react in the same way the British Constitution itself

must be under threat. In Ireland the judiciary is independent of the Government and the legislature and acts to enforce the law, whether in accordance with or contrary to the wishes or stated requirements of the Government. This is a fundamental guarantee of constitutional rights.

Yours faithfully BARRY DOYLE, T. T. L. Overend, McCarron & Gibbons (Solicitors), 9 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, Irish Republic.

England and Wales do not have the remedy of poinding available to them; instead they have to distrain upon the goods and chattels of the debtor.

This procedure is also referred to as levying distress, which those faced with it will no doubt consider a far more appropriate description.

Yours faithfully, SONIA GABLE (Tax Partner), Phillip George (Accountants). City Gate House 309-426 Eastern Avenue. Ilford, Essex. March 20.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(01)782 5046.

#### Harrow School development

From the Leader of Harrow

Council Sir, Harrow School has decided to proceed with its plans to erect a 480-seat theatre and 21 houses in the Harrow on the Hill conservation area, despite the strongest opposition from Harrow Council, residents and past pupils. This decision is symptomatic of the grave social issues affecting this

borough and Greater London. In the last decade, national trends supporting new home-building meant that numerous council planning decisions were overturned by the Department of the Environment on appeal - often in the face of strong objections from local people:

However, in response to pressure from Harrow, and other like-minded councils, the Government has come to accept that well-loved areas of exceptional character need protecting from an onslaught of bricks before they are destroyed

for future generations. Unfortunately, this change in planning policies may come too late for Harrow on the Hill. However, there must still be a strong hope that the great sway of public pressure will change the minds of those responsible for Harrow School, in line with modern attitudes towards conservation and environmental

protection. For its own part, Harrow Council has taken positive action to draw up its unitary development plan (UDP), setting out new planning policies to protect and enhance the borough. This month, consultation has taken place among residents on a new set of policy guidelines to direct and control development, and there has been an encouraging response.

Until Harrow's UDP is formally adopted in 1992 these outline policies will back up existing local plans and help to protect the area from unnecessary and uncharac-teristic developments.

Once these policies are in place I am confident that Harrow Council, and the residents whom it serves, can rely upon far greater support from the Department of the Environment. The borough will then be spared from thoughtless and destructive developments such as is currently proposed for Harrow on the Hill. Yours sincerely, R. GRANT, Leader,

Harrow Council, PO Box 2, Civic Centre Harrow, Middlesex. March 16.

to be duped.

#### Honesty in business

Sir, Dr von Zugbach, of the Glasgow Business School, tells us in his letter about the Harrods affair (March 17) that lying, if breaking no law, "must be judged as the normal and proper behaviour of competent and responsible entrepreneurs". He suggests that it is the responsibility of others not

Two nights ago, an 18-year-old boy told me some lies in order to get himself out of minor trouble. but I was not duned. I told him that above all else his future employers would demand integrity; and that, although we all make mistakes, our response to the consequences should not be deceit. I hope I convinced him.

Dr von Zugbach and I are both teachers. Which of us is correctly preparing young people for their future roles in society? Yours faithfully, RICHARD KENT (Senior House-

master, Cheltenham College), Newick House, Sandford Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. March 17.

#### First-class post

From Miss Kate Baldwin Sir, With reference to Mrs Mc-Intyre's letter (March 20), last Christmas my fiancé and I sent a card to a friend in the Royal Navy, based in Plymouth. Although we had visited him on a number of occasions, we did not have any record of his address.

Accordingly, I addressed the envelope, "The red house that used to be the Post Office, with a post box in its front wall, next to the shop, which is next to the pub, on the High Street, Sparkwell, Nr Plymouth'

The card was delivered safely, and on time. Yours faithfully KATE BALDWIN. Flat 8, Eversholt House, Grove Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. March 21.

#### In case of need

From Mr E. L. R. Rix Sir, Mr Tom Ruben (March 12) need not fear that his experience indicates any sudden change of policy or dark designs by British Rail. Over 20 years ago I and my family were travelling down from Scotland. As dinner showed no sign of materialising two of my sons went to investigate. They appeared some minutes later dressed in white coats and proceeded to serve dinner to the whole car.

They did not share the tips but were given free dinners by the sole grateful member of the official staff. The others had failed to turn

Yours faithfully, E.L.R.RIX, Grove House,

Sellindge, nr. Ashford, Kent. March 16.

#### COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 21: His Excellency Shri
Kuldip Nayar was received in
andience by The Queen and
presented the Letters of Recall
off his predecessor and his own
letters of Commission as High
Commissioner for India in
London.

His Excellency was accompamis Excellency was accompa-nied by the following members of the High Commission: Shri Selman Haidar (Deputy High Commissioner), Shri Keki Darawalla (Minister, Consular), Shri B.K. Ratnakar Rao (Minister Consular), Shri Minister, Coordination), Shri Surendra Kumar (Counsellor, Press and Information), Shri Prabhas Chulle (Counsellor Press and Information), Shri Prabhat Shukla (Counsellor, Political), Commodore George Kailath (Naval Adviser), Air Commodore Vinod Patney (Air Adviser) and Colonel Virender Budhwar (Acting Military Adviser)

Adviser). Shrimati Bharati Nayar was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

His Excellency Mr Zbigniew
Gertych and Madame Gertych
were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took
leave upon His Excellency
relinquishing his appointment
as Ambassador Extraordinary
and Pleningermany from the ind Pienipotentiary from the Republic of Poland to the Court

Mr Brian Fall (British High Commissioner to Canada) and Mrs Fall were received by The The President of Czecho-slovakia visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and

remained to lunch. The following were invited:
Mr Sasa Vondra (Adviser to The
President), His Excellency the
Ambassador of Czechoslovakia
and Mrs Dudova, Mr Laurence O'Keeffe, Sir Patrick and Lady Wright, Mr Harold Pinter and the Lady Antonia Pinter, Mrs Connor White and Sir Charles

and Lady Mackerras.

A Guard of Honour, found by The Queen's Guard, 1st Battal-ion Coldstream Guards, was mounted in the Quadrangle.

The Major General Commanding Household Di-vision and the Field Officer in Brigade Waiting were present. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception this evening at Buckingham Palace for the winners of The Queen's Awards for Export and Technol-

ogy in 1989 at which The Duke of Gloucester was present. The Duke of Edinburgh. Patron, this morning visited the City of London Polytechnic and was received by the Provost (Professor Roderick Floud) and the Chairman of Governors (the

Lord Limerick). Brigadier Clive Robertson was in attendance. By Command of The Queen the Baroness Blatch (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the Arrival of The President of Czecho-slovakia and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her

Majesty.

By Command of The Queen,
the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (Lord in Waiting) was present at Gatwick Airport, London this afternoon upon the Departure of The Duke and Duchess of Kent for the United States of America and bade farewell to Their Royal High-nesses on behalf of Her Majesty.

CLARENCE HOUSE March 21: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Gala Performance of L'Elisir d'Amore at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, in aid of the Royal

Opera House Trust. The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE March 21: The Princess Mar-garet, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon visited the United Biscuits Factory at Harlesden, NW10. The Hon Mrs Wills was in

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE March 21: The Duke and Duchess of Kent this morning left Gatwick Airport, London for Houston, Texas, to attend the Houston International Festival; His Royal Highness, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will go on to visit Washington and New

Their Royal Highnesses were received upon arrival at the airport by The Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne (representing Her Majesty The Queen), Mr Ronald Woods (Charge d'Affaires at the United States Embassy), Mr Ian Hamilton (Operations Director Centrick) (Operations Director, Gatwick Airport Limited), and Mr Ray Sayer (Senior General Manager, British Airways).

Mrs Alan Henderson and Mr Andrew Palmer are in attendance.

#### **OBITUARIES**

### LORD ROTHSCHILD

A man of many parts - scientist, government adviser and MI5 agent

Lord Rothschild, GBE, GM, FRS, third Baron, who died on March 20 at the age of 79, was a man whose considerable achievements were in widely differing spheres. Born into a celebrated banking family, he also made original contributions to scientific knowledge; he was a successful oil executive; he was head of the "Think Tank" in the Conservarive government of Edward Heath from 1971 to 1974; he had won a George Medal for resource and bravery; he was a county cricketer and single-handicap golfer, and he had served in the wartime MI5. It was in the last connection that

his name had most recently come before the public, when, in 1987, he became involved in the controversy over the Government's attempt to ban the publication in Australia of the memoirs of Peter Wright, a former MI5 agent. Rothschild suffered much when Anthony Blunt, also a former member of MI5, was exposed as having been a Soviet agent. Rothschild had been an associate of Blunt at Cambridge and, like him, and Guy Burgess, a member of The Apostles society. now notorious for the proportion of

traitors it nurtured. When Blunt's treachery became public knowledge Rothschild, too, became the target of innuendo that he had also been a spy, and he arranged for Peter Wright to fly from Australia to London to help him clear his name. When the Government tried to stop Wright publishing his book, Rothschild found himself again accused of spying and of breaching the Official Secrets Act. The Prime Minister totally exonerated him on the first, and the Attorney-General, on the second charge, but only after eight months of great strain for Roth-schild, while his case was investi-

Nathaniel Mayer Victor Roth-schild was born on October 31, 1910 and went to Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge. At cricket he went in first for Harrow with Terence Rattigan and it was characteristic of him that, not having been awarded a Blue at Cambridge, he got himself invited by his county to play against the University and scored a century. He played for Northants and described batting against Larwood and Voce as the most alarming experience of his life.

Instead of reading for the Tripos he took a pass degree, but all the time he was learning the technique of scientific research under Sir James Gray and his work on fertilization won him a Fellowship at Trinity in 1935.

He succeeded his father as third Baron in 1937. During the war he served in the anti-sabotage section for MI5, and in 1944 he defused a bomb con-

cealed in a crate of Spanish onions

in the hold of a ship, an operation which earned him his GM. Back in Cambridge be was made Chairman of the Agricultural Re-

search Council and during the next 10 years persuaded the Government to make a substantial increase in the Council's grant. His own research concerned the fertilization of eggs by spermatozoa whose movements he studied by investigating their heat production and biochemical metabolism. He asked why normaily only one spermatzoon enters an egg on fertilization, and in collaboration with Michael (later Lord) Swann he discovered how an egg "closed its doors" to other sperm after the fertilizing sperm had attached itself to the egg's surface. His most original work lay in estimating sperm speeds by the mathematical technique called probability-after-effect. In 1956 he published Fertilization and in 1961 A Classification of Living Animals which went into several editions. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1953.

In 1963 he accepted a consultancy with Shell. There his executive talents were recognized and he was soon made responsible for the whole research programme of the Royal

Dutch Shell group. Retiring at the compulsory age of 60, he was unexpectedly offered another post.

This was to create the Central Policy Review Staff, a new piece of Government machinery set up by Edward Heath soon after he became Prime Minister. The choice of Rothschild to run the Think Tank was surprising but inspired. Known as someone who got things done by provocation and believed to be a man of the left, he was at heart a technocrat who wanted to apply to social problems the efficient meth-

ods he had learnt to admire at Shell. He was shrewd enough to realize that his one hope of success was to work with the Whitehall mandarins and not against them. He established a system to spot crucial subjects and a portfolio of "collective briefs" which could be updated as occasion arose. The coal industry, shipbuilding, nuclear power, race relations, and the computer industry were some of the subjects for report; and the Think Tank warned of the

impending oil crisis.
Rothschild's penchant for the unconventional could get him into that interested them. The report fell trouble. In September 1973 he made like lead upon the scientific commu-

a public speech warning that "unless we give up the idea that we are one of the wealthiest most influential and important countries in the world... we are likely to find ourselves in increasingly serious trouble". Unfortunately this coincided with ministerial speeches declaring that we were such a country and a displeased Prime Minister carpeted him. When HaroldWilson became Prime Minister it soon became evident that short term solutions were the order of the day and Rothschild, finding himself also out of sympathy with

for nuclear power, resigned.
His experience in Shell and the Think Tank made him revise the views he had held in the Agricultural Research Council about funding eovernment scientific research. He thought too much money was spent on open-ended research and too little on solving industrial problems. In a report he advocated that the customer should call the tune and pay for the research he needed done instead of funds being given to laboratories to pursue the research

the Government's long-term plans

nity. After bitter debates he got most of what he wanted, but after a few years of economic decline the money subtracted from the Research Council's grants was absorbed into the current expenditure of government departments, and the worst fears of the scientists were fulfille**d**.

Rothschild's last major public service was his chairmanship of a Royal Commission on Gambling His report did not moralize. Instead it suggested ways in which gamblers would be protected against fraud and crime reduced, and was a remarkable analysis of a labyrinthine industry. Little was done to implement its recommendations.

In 1975 Rothschild became a director and for a short time executive chairman of N. M. Rouschild & Sons where he formed a company enabling the public to take a stake in genetic engineering, gene-slicing and other bio-technical enter-prises. In the tradition of his family he was a collector: as an undergrad-uate of Swift manuscripts and 18th century first editions, which he gave

to Trinity College.

Through his family trust in Israel be helped the Weizmann Institute and persuaded the authorities to introduce educational television to teach illiterate immigrant children. He presented a golf course to Caesarea on which he played the first round with Sam Snead.

He had married in 1933 Barbara, the high-spirited daughter of St John and Mary Hutchinson, by whom he had a son and two daughters, and their house on the Backs, Merton Hall, was the scene of splendid parties. But two such distinct and powerful temperaments were doomed to discord and they divorced in 1945.

His second marriage, to Teresa Mayor, brought him great happiness and by her he had two daughters and

He was proud to be a Rothschild but irked by other people's expectations of what it was to be one. "We Rothschilds," he said. "are quick to take offence and quick to give it." He could indeed by famously rude to bores and abrupt with the stuffy: and neither was likely to appreciate his boisterous schoolboy humour.
As a technocrat he lamented the

inefficiency and complacency of our national life, and reflected on such matters in two boooks Meditations of a Broomstick (1973) and Random Variables (1984). When he was over 70 he was supervised every Friday by a don in mathematical statistics. He used to say that the grey cells in his brain were dying at a fair rate and that those that remained needed polishing. In each job he did, he inspired colleagues and made friends, but he never forgot his oldest to whom he was always kind. He is succeeded by his son, the financier Jacob Rothschild.

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.N.W. McHardy and Miss M.J. Forbes-Leith The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Col and Mrs W.G. McHardy, Woodend House, Banchory, Kincardine-shire, and Miranda, elder daughter of Sir Andrew Forbes-Leith Br and the late Lare Kate

Aberdeenshire. Mr T.G.M. Morony

Forhes-Leith.

and Miss S.J. Jamieson
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of the late General Sir Thomas Lovett Morony, and of Lady Morony, of Yetminster, Dorset, and Susan, younger daughter of Drs Walter and Sheila Jamieson, of Rockfield Crescent, Dundee.

Mr S.D. Back and Miss C.A. Hyde-Price The engagement is announced between Stephen David, son of Mr and Mrs Vernon Bach, of London, NW11, and Caroline Anne, daughter of Lt Cdr and Mrs G. Hyde-Price, of Goring-

Mr P.R. Carter and Miss C.E.G. Emley The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A.E. Carter, of Fartham, Surrey, and Charlotte (Choppy), daughter of Colonel and Mrs D.B. Emley, of Tenny's Court, Marnhull,

Mr J. Connelly and Miss L.A. Johnson The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Seamus Connelly, of Camberwell, London, and Lesley Anne, only daughter of Mrs Anne Johnson-Rooks, of Chislehurst, Kent, and of the

Dorset.

Mr J.P. Medd and Miss M.D.S. Healy The engagement is announced between James, son of Dr and Mrs W.E. Medd, of Claygate, Surrey, and Melanic, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Healy, of

Mr T.N.B. Higginson
and Miss S.J. Corner
The engagement is announced
between Timothy, second son of
Dr J.C. Higginson, of Banstead,
Surrey, and Mrs M.W.
Higginson, of Baildon, Yorkshire, and Stephanic, elder
daughter of Lt Col and Mrs A.C.
Corner, of Nether Wallop. Corner, of Nether Wallop, Hampshire.

Mr J.R. Howell and Dr M. Horsley The engagement is announced between John, third son of Mr oetween John, inite son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Howell, of Forest Hill, London, and Marianne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Cyril Horsley, of Colwich, Staffordshire.

Mr J.R. Keen
and Miss C.A-M. Devereux
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, only son of Mr
and Mrs Richard Keen, of
Hove, and Christina, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert
Devereux, of Sevenoaks.

#### Memorial service

Mr Brian Reade Mr Brian Reade
A memorial service for Mr
Brian Reade was held vesterday
at Holy Trinity. Sloane Street.
SW1. The Rev Keith Yates
officiated Mr Alban Reade, son,
Mr Ronald Lightbown and Mr
Lionel Lamborne paid tribute.

Rotary Club of London
The Lord Mayor of Westminster, accompanied by the
Lady Mayoress, was the speaker
at a Rotary Club of London
luncheon held yesterday at the
Cafe Royal. Mr Alan Dunlop,
president, was in the chair.

The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr John Margetson, of Christchurch, Dorset, and Mrs Tim Odone,

of Kimpton, Hampshire, and daughter of Sir Andrew Forbes-Louisa, elder daughter of Mr Leith, Bt, and the late Jane Kate and Mrs Jon Wood, of Orchard House, Oxton Nottinghamshire.

Mr S.R. Mitchell

and Miss E.M. Kydd The engagement is announced between Sampson Ross, only son of Mr and Mrs Sampson Mitchell, of Woore, Shropshire, and Elizabeth Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Kydd, of Twyford, West Felton, Shropshire.

Mr A. Morrison-Corley and Miss C.S. Wootton The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Lt-Colonel F.C.B. Morrison-Corley and of Mrs M.L. Morrison-Corley, and Tiggy, daughter of Major and Mrs T.P. Wootton, Milton House, East Knoyle, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr H.S. Muirhead and Miss S.J. Talbot and Miss SJ. Tabbot
The engagement is announced between Hugh Spencer, son of Major and Mrs Richard Muirhead, of Plumpton, Sussex, and Sarah Josephine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Talbot, of Tilford,

Mr P.H. Owens
and Miss A.M. Myer
The engagement is announced
between Peter, son of Mr and
Mrs H.V. Owens, of Dalkey,
Dublin, and Alison, daughter of
Mr and Mrs K.N. Myer, of
Anemering-on-Sea, West

Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex. Dr D.A. Ross, RAMC and Miss J.E. Crowder The engagement is announced between David Andrew Ross, of Faversham, Kent, and Janet Elizabeth Crowder, of Bolton,

Lancs. Dr P.J.R. Taylor and Dr P.A. O'Kane The engagement is announced between Philip, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Taylor, of Tuddenham St Martin, Suffolk, and Patricia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.E. O'Kane, of

Mr N.A.P. Walsh and Miss C.J. Clark The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Mr and Mrs N.C. Walsh, of Lewes, Sussex, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr K.V.J. Clark, of Pcacehaven, Sussex, and Mrs S.K. Hackett, of

Spennymoor, Co Durham.

Mr D.A. Young and Miss L.R. Pavlovsky The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs David Young, of Beckenham, Kent, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Pavlovsky, also of

#### Beckenham, Kent. Luncheon

Rotary Club of London The Lord Mayor of West-minster, accompanied by the

#### LEV YASHIN The Black Panther in the Moscow Dynamo goal

Lev Yashin, the Russian inter-intimidatingly large man, who attend matches whenever he But it was when he was national goalkeeper and one of filled the goal with his for-.could, and after watching considering switching permathe first Soviet sportsmen to midable presence. He was an become a household name important influence in the beyond his own country, has Russian side which enjoyed died of stomach cancer. He was 60.

The former Moscow Dynamo player, known as "The Black Panther", was European Footballer of the Year in 1963, man, one of the rare breed the only goalkeeper to win the award.

As a goalkeeper, Yashin took his place in the pantheon of the world's best, even for the British, who in those days size he had much in common. tended to scoff at the Continental variety.

His nickname was a tribute to his agility as well as to his trademark of an all-black strip. Like all the best goalkeepers, he had a fine positional sense, so that shots seemed to go straight at him, and he himself described his secret as "to observe the opponent".

A heavy smoker, and an

Today's royal

considerable success in the

1950s and 1960s. whose popularity transcends all national boundaries, like Pele and Eusebio, Bobby Charlton and John Charles, with whose temperament and

A very modest man, Yashin wore his fame lightly, living in a modest two-bedroom flat in Moscow. Eastern European "amateurism" has, legitimately, long been a target for scorn but Yashin remained an amateur at heart in the best way possible. He was a chivalrous opponent, his love of football shining through his displays.

unlikely looking athlete in end. Despite losing a leg two understudy to the famous winning the Russian some ways, Yashin was an years ago, he continued to goalkeeper "Tiger" Khomich. five times in his era.

Kiev Dynamo go out of the nently to the ice rink that an European Cup earlier this injury to Khomich in 1951 season, he asked an English gave him an opening visitor to take postcards out of

boxed and ran, he did so without distinction, and his ager blamed him for letting in early steps as a footballer, the Beckenbauer goal which were as a forward for the gave West Germany their aircraft factory where he group match victory.
began work at 14.

Those occasions were vasily

and began his national service, but his success initially was as an ice hockey goalkeeper with Moscow Dynamo, the club of the KGB. He also did well England in the FA Centenary match is impossible to efface from the memory. enough to gain a berth in He retained that love to the Dynamo's soccer team as equally successful, Dynamo

His first cap came in 1954, the country for Bobby
Charlton and Bobby Moore,
with whom he still corresponded, Charlton playing in
a testimonial for him last year.
Born in Moscow, Yashin's
sporting provess took time to
develop Although he played develop. Although he played exit, and in 1966, when he was basketball and ice hockey, generally regarded as one of the great successes, the man-

Things changed when he outnumbered, however, by his finally moved back into goal great performances. In particular, his display for the Rest of the World against

His club performances were winning the Russian League



# **Dinners**

engagements The Duke of Edinburgh, patron and trustee, will attend recep-tions for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in

reached the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, at St James's Palace, 11.30 and 4.00; and, as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the fiftieth anniversary dinner of the Intelligence Corps at the Mansion House at 7.30. Czechoslovakia. The other guests were:
The Ambassador of Czachosłovakia and Mrs Dudova, Mr Milan Khagio, Mr Alexandr Vondra, Mr Jitt Krizan.
Prince Schwarzenbert. Mr Mirodav Pribyl, Mr Roman Fronce, the Mirodav Pribyl, Mr Roman Fronce, and Mrs Ridley.
Mr Cocil Regy, Mp, and Mrs Ridley.
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Mr Red Mrs Regy, Mrs Mrs Ashdown, Mp, and Mrs Waidegrave, Lord Weidenfeld, Str Bernhri Sraine, Mp.
Mr Paddy Ashdown, Mp, and Mrs Ashdown, the Hon William Shawerus. Str Isalah Berlin, OM, and Lady Berlin, Sir Irank Lunyl, Lady Ashdown, the Hon William Shawerus. Mr Frank Lunyl, Lady Ahrahens, Mr Tom Stoppard and Dr Mirshn. Sloppard. Dr John Marek.
MP, and Mrs Marshall. Mr Robert Rhodes James. Mr Tom Stoppard and Dr Mirshn. Mrs Ribodes James. Mrs Diana Pripps, Mr and Mrs Ribodes James. Mrs Diana Professor. Roger Scruton. Mr Bernard Levin. Mr Matthew Evans. Mr William McAlister. Mr and Mrs Jisscka Douglas-Home. Professor. Roger Scruton. Mr Bernard Levin. Mr Matthew Evans. Mr William McAlister. Mr and Mrs Timothy Garton-Ash. Mr Roger Michell. Sir Tecnote and Lady Heiser. Mr P L O'Keeffe. Mrs Tessa Keswick. Miss Carol Thalcher and Mr Chacles Powel. The Princess Royal will visit the Sherwood Foresters War Me-morial, Crich Stand, Matlock, Derbyshire, at 11.20; the Briars Residential Centre, Crich Com-mon, at 11.45; and will com-mission a large new aluminium extrusion press at Scandanavian Aluminium Profiles plant, Tibshelf, at 12.40. She will open Eckington School, Dronfield Road, Eckington, at 1.50, the new headquarters of the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce, Canal Wharf, Chesterfield, at 3.50; and will open the maternity and gynaecology wing. Chesterfield and North Derby-shire Royal Hospital at 4.35. Speaker
The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill

were:

gave a dinner in Speaker's House last night. The guests

Wert:

Mr. Alick Buchanan-Smith, Mp. and
Mrs Buchanan-Smith, Mr John Battle,
Mp. and Mrs Bettle, Mr Ray Currie
and Mrs Edwins Currie, Mp. Mr
Terry Dicks, Mp. and Mrs Dicks, Mp.
Alan Howarth, Mr. Band, Mrs
Howarth, Habbarn, Mr. Badde Loyden,
Mr. Mr. Bartham, Mr. Eddie Loyden,
Mr. Mr. Ber William McCrae, Mp.
and Mrs McCrae, Mr and Mrs Kai
Asbuer, Mr and Mrs Frank Birch, Mr
and Mrs William McCay, the Rev
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and Mrs. Koog Ten. Mr and Mrs. Odin
Walleer and Mrs. Elsen Wright.

#### **Appointments**

Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will

open a leisure complex at the Chesterfield Hotel at 7.30 and attend a gala dinner at the hotel.

Latest appointments include: Captain A. G. Y. Thorpe to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit. Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of Mr Václav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. The other guests were:

The Ambassador of Cachoslovakia and the Upper Bailiff of the City Livery Companies and their iadies, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, Mr Aldermen Honour Hono

their escorts.
The Lord Mayor, the Master of the Mercers' Company and the Master of the Grocers' Company were the speakers. Among others present were: Str Peter and Lady Studd. Str Hugh and Lady Wontner. Str Kenneth and Lady Cork, Mr E R W Bidwell. Mr J R P Bidwell. Mr M. E H Bidwell. Mrs S H M Bidwell. Mr and Mrs Edward Luddington. Mr and Mrs Michael McBrien, Mr and Mrs John Shone and Mr and Mrs John Wheeler. **HM** Government

Lord Trefgame, Minister for Trade, presided at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Donald

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy

last night at Admiralty House. Among those present were: The Earl of Eight and Kincardine, Lord Flowers, Sir Michael Pallier, Admiral Sir Brian Briwn, Mondard Sir Brian Briwn, Mondard Sir John Kern, Woo Admiral Sir Jock Glades Sir Desperator Costing, Sir Desperator Sir Michael Horders, Peter Middleton, and Horders Renneth Daton, Rear-Admiral Horder Wille, Mr Kenneth Macdonsiel, Mr Richard Baker and

# European-Atlantic Group Dr Wilfried Guth was the guest speaker at a meeting of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Com-

mons, by courtesy of Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, chairman, presided. Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Grantchester, QC. and Lord Taylor of Gryfe also spoke. Sir Frank Roberts presided at a dinner-discussion held afterwards at the St Ermin's Hotel.

wards at the St Ermin's Hotel.
Among those present were:
Members of the Diplomatic Corps,
Judith Coumless of Listowel, Sir
Autistair and Lady Frame, Sir Reay
Geodes, Lady Grundy, Sir Nicholas
Henderton, Sir Huph Jones, Sir David
and Lady Lidderdale, Sir John Peel,
Lady Ripport, Lady Roberts, Sir
Archibaid Ross, Sir Gilver Wright, Mr
Henry Tiarks, Mr Uwe Kitzingen,
Major-General L A D Harrod and
regustentives from HM Tressury,
the Department of Trade and Industry
and Sritish and oversess banks.

College of Annesthetists The President and Mrs Rosen were hosts at the 42nd anniversary dinner held last night. The principal speakers were the Rt Hon Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice of Appeal and Sir Robert Kilpatrick, President, General Medical Council Other guests

Medical Council. Other guests included: Sir Donaid Acheson, Sir James Risck. Sir Christopher Booth. Sir Anthony Braham. Burness Hoope. Sir Mainony Braham. Burness Hoope. Sir Mainony Brant. Sir George Phater. Lord Bereitz. Sir George Phater. Lord Series. Professor. Lord Sentin. Professor W. Ascher. Dr. J. I. T. Birkey, Dr. M.M. Burrows, Dr. S. Carpe. Professor. G.D. Cheisholm. Professor. J. L. Howed. Professor. J. Loyd. Professor. J. Rayne. Mr. D. Beel. Professor. M. Turner-Marwick. Professor. M. Turner-Marwick. Professor. M. Turner-Marwick. Professor. M. J. F. Nunc. Dr. J. E. Rading, Dr. G.F. Scurr. Dr. B.A. Seilick. Mrs. J. Camberleys. Mr. G. La Berdey. Mrs. H. Essel. Mr.

# The Madame Bollinger Medal Monsieur Christian Bizot was host at a dinner given yesterday at The Savoy Hotel, when he presented Mr Mark Pardoe, MW, with the Madame Bollinger Medal for Excellence in Wine Tasting in the Institute of Magters of Wine green.

of Masters of Wine examina-tion. The speakers were M Christian Bizot, President Directeur General of Champagne Bollinger and Mr David Stevens, MW, Executive Director of the Institute of Masters of The Marketing Group of Great Britain

Mr David Wynne-Morgan presided over the dinner held last night at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman

#### Reception The Lord's Taverners

of the BBC.

Ronald Gerard, OBE, was the host last night at a reception, at the Ritz Club, Ritz Hotel, to mark the commencement of the Lord's Taverners' cricket sea-son. This year the Lord's Taverners celebrate their ruby anniversary. The many guests included:

included:
Mr Tim Rice (President). Mr Robin
Moors (Chairmain). Mr Cartstopher
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Mrs Give Radley. Mr Willio Rushioo.
Capath Anthony Swamson Objector)
and Afris Swamson. Mr and Mrs
Richard Sülgoe. Mr and Mrs Bell Tidy.
Mr Derek Ufton (Chairman Elect) and
Mrs Jawy Ukon and Mrs Bill Tidy.
Mr Derek Ufton (Chairman Elect) and
Mrs Jawy Ukon and Mrs Bill Tidy.

#### **Birthdays** today

Lord Alport, 78; Mr George Benson, singer and guitarist, 47; Mr R.A. Bethell, Lord Lieutenant of Humberside, 68; Mrs Betty Callaway, ice-skating trainer, 62; the Very Rev Robert trainer, 62; the Very Rev Robert Craig, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 73; Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, 71; Mr Brian Hanrahan, broadcaster, 41; Mr D.C. Ingman, chairman, British Waterways Board, 62; The Very Rev Lawrence Jackson, Provost of Biackburn, 64; Professor Harry Kay, former vice-chancellor, Exeter University, 71; Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber, com-Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, 42: M Marcel Marceau, mime artist, 67; Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk, 74; Lady (Frederick) Ogilvie, former principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 90; McCe N. J. St Anne's College, Oxford, 90;
Mr C.S. Pick, publisher, 73; Sir
Lynden Pindling, Prime Minister of the Bahamas, 60; Sir
Bryan Roberts, QC, 67; Mr Paul
Schockemohle, showjumper,
45; Mr Stephen Sondheim, composer and lyricist, 60; Lord
Stokes, 76; Mr Leslie Thomas,
author, 59; Miss Fanny Waterman, concert pianist and man, concert pianist and teacher, 70; Miss Priscilla Yates. a director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 43.

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL**

O Lord you have atways been our home. Before you created the fulls or brought the world into being. You were eternally God, and will

BIRTHS BARKHAM - On March 11th. to Edry's (nee Lupprian) and Simon, a son. Benjamin Henry, a brother for Jack

BRETHERTON - On Monday BUILTON-STEWART OR March 16th 1990 at the John Radcilife Hospital, Oxford, to Elizabeth (nee Gleave) and James, a son, Josh Thomas, EVERETT - On March 14th, to Sara (née Brogge) and Mark a daughter, Natasha Fiona. FRASER - On March 14th, at Kingston Hospital, to Lin (née Blair) and Allan,

(née Biair) and Allan, a daughter, Rebecca Chioe, a sister for Kirsty. Atways remembering Emily. especiany sous:

gastrati-Jones - On March
20th, at Queen Chariothe's
Hospital. in Camilla (née
Howard) and Muw. a
daughter. Eleanor Frances

Mary Eliot.

JOSNESON - On March 19th, at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Avril and fait, a daughter. Grace Emilin, a daughter. Grace Emilin, a dester for Oliver and Harriet.

JOSNESTON - On March 1st, at The Portland Hospital, to Jackle (nde Stephenson) and Alexander. a son. George Frederick, a brother for Mark.

KENNER - On March 12th, to Defrare the Boyle; and Henry, a daughter. Danielle Harriet. LEVINE - On Merch 12th, in Germany, to Amatoda (née Findlay) and Jeremy, a son, Edward Henry James.

MASON - On March 19th, at Guy'a Hospital, to Sharon (née Power) and Robert, a depobler. Fleur Victoria daughter. Fleur Victoria Kate, a sister for Andrew. NOSSOP - On March 19th, to Annie (née Kimpton) and Guy, a sister for Georgina and Citvia. PFLAUR - On March 14th, to Kathy and Rick, a Gaughter. Then a sister for Julia and Descript

Dominic.

RAFALOWISHA-PANYER - On Salurday March 17th 1990.

at King's College Hospital to Shelia and Mark. a son. Samuel (Sam) Andrew. a cousin for Richard and Alexander, a grandom for Isohel, Audrey and Jan.

kobel, Audrey and Jan.

RENTOUK. - On March 20th, to

Tesso (née Lufham) and Alex
(James), a daughter, Rebecca
Katherine.

SEWARD - On March 17th, to Linda and Robert, a daughter, Emily Ann, a sister for Alysson. SLATER - On March 18th, in Taunton, to Sarah and Patrick, a son. Patrick, a son.

SMART - On March 6th, to

Ropa (née Shiach) and

David, a daughter, Charlotte

Rosa Shiach Shart, at

Humana

Houghts,

Wellington.
SUMMERS - On March 17th,
to Jape (née McDonaid) and
John, a son, James Patrick.
TRIMELE - On March 13th
1990, to Kitherine (née
Sargent) and Charles, a son,
Bedemin Edward and a
daughter. Polly Louise, at the
Women's College Hospital,
Toronto.

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WESTERRY - On March 8th.

to Laura (née Giordani) and
Jonathan. a daughter.

Isabelte Mary Gerakine.

WITHERS GREEN - On March 17th, to Cathryn (née Gardiner) and Jeremy, a son

MARRIAGES

marriage took place March 21st 1990. Catherine Sedgemore

DEATHS ALLIN - On March 12th 1990, peacehally, Percy William May, aged 85 years, former Strueyer General of Thorborough, 9A Old Howick Road, Pictermarizburg, Matal, South Africa. Dearly bove husband of Patricla, father and father-inhaw to Rosaltod, and Julian, Adele and Tony. Linda and Grabats. grandfather to Grabain, grandfather to Gabriella, Nicoletta, Stafford,

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Vanesta, jan, Justine. Brandon, Paul and Lloyd. Remembered with love. PROWN - On Merch 20th, peacrity at Consewood, Englanding, Stockton-on-Ton, Mergaret Etzabeth danny loved wife of the late Major William Reid Brown Major William Red D.S.O. and degreed mo Jacqueline and Dapture Service in All Saints Church.

Engleschiffe, Monday March 26th at 12 noon, prior to interment at Engleschiffe Churchyard. BROWN - On March 19th, pracefully at Peterborough, Peter Beale Harold, in his 88th year. Dearly loved hubband of the hate Janet Alice and much loved father. Alter and trees over trans-prendiction and great-grand-father. Funeral at After's Minn Chapel, Kettering Crematerium, on Tucaday Crematorium, on Tursday March 27th at 12 noon Family flowers only please.

Putney SW15.

GARPINTER - On March
20th, peacefully in Norfolk,
Hilds Mariorie Trevor, aged
90. widow of Gerald and
beloved mother of Partick
and Jon. Private cremation.
Family flowers only please.
Donations to Age Concern.
Ashes interment Service 3
pm Sunday April 1st,
Hawstead Church.
GLEGG - On March 20th 1990.
Deacefully with his family.
Joseph Neville (Bill) aged 84.
Private fineral service.
Memorial Service at Holy
Trinity. Bembridge, at 12
noon on Friday April 6th.
GOWELL - On March 15th. in

great courage. Christopher, beloved husband of Marianita and very dear father of Anna, Dominic and Cherlotte. Son of the late Ptytis and Edmund and brother of Adrium. Funeral look place on March 16th in Brazil. He will be greatly missed. Enquiries: London O1-607 2920.

CUNDINIMALE - On Morch

O1-607 2920.

CUMMINGHAM - On March
20th, peacefully al Bernard's
Gahe. Chichester, Geraldine
(Boo), aged 93. Beloved wife
of the late Tec. much lowed
mother of Mona and the late
Revd. John Cumningham,
mother-fu-law of Sytvia,
grandmother and greatgrandmother and greatgrandmother.
crenation. Family flowers
only. If desired donations to
St. Withid's Hoopiee.
Chichester. Thanksgiving
service at Sumingdale to be Service at Sun

Service at Summingdale to be arranged later.

SERSY - On March 19th, lookel, Countess of Derby.

Funeral private, 11.15 am Friday March 23rd at St Mary's, Knowsley.

SUNKE-EVANS - On March 14th. Matthew, aged 32, dear son of Denise and David, brother of Jonathan, Nicholas. Erama and James, grandson of Mabel. stepson of Michael and Monica. With our despest love and hope.

FREWER - On March 17th, at Feltsstowe, Doris Ethel (nee Anseil), suddenly birt pescefully, aged 90. Belowed wife of the late Curil Frank and a very special Mum and Gran. Enquiries to Rodwells. Funeral Services, tel: (0394) 284144.

[SURREPREYS - On March 20th, pescefully, and thome after a long illness bravely loved wife of Robin. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel), on Monday March 26th at 2.50 ptn. Flowers may be sent to Leventin and Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Road. Golders Green, NW11.

LYNG - On March 15th. pescefully. Sister Helma

en. Elder deugbte

of Mrs. and the late Gement Spencer-Thomas. Funeral at St Katharine's Church. East

GOMETS GREEN, NWILL
LYNE - On March 18th,
peacefully, Sister Helema
LB.V.M., aged 31. of Loreto
Convent. St Albans.
Mourned by her family and
Religious Community. Rest
in Peace. VINT - See Scott. MACKINITOSH - On March 20th, peacefully after a courageous fight. Brenda, beloved wife of Amus and mother of Robert, Alexander

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Woodlands, Triesday March
27th at 2.30 pm.

MANNEES - On March 20th.
Errol Adrian Sherard, aged
70. Loving and greatly loved
husband of Jane. (ather of
fitzabeth. Hemretta, James.
Rachel, Nick and Lucy and
guardian of Martin and
John. Finneral Service at
West Meon Parish Church.
on Friday March 50th at 3
pm. No flowers please, but
donations if destred to The
Muscular Dystrophy Group.
c/o John Steel & Son. Cheall
House. Winchester.

MAYS-SMITH - On March
21st 1990. Brenda, aged 86.
peacefully at Brendoncare.
Froxfield. Widow of Robin
and much loved mother of
Martin and Alan. Cremation
private. Memorial Service a
tiden Church. near Ryz. East
Sussex. on Monday April
30th at 2.30 am No flowers.
but donations GRIMSDALE - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Thomas Grimsdale C.B.E. (MID, J.P., was held at St. John's Cathedral. Hong Kong, on Monday March 19th 1990.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR CHADWICK - Major Harry Piers Idied while serving with the Green Howards. never forgotten. Alma, Particla, Adrian, Jason and Barbara

Birth and Death notices may be accepted over the

telephone. For publication the following day please telephone by 5.00 pm Mon-Thurs. 4pm Friday, 9.30am-1.00pm Sat for Monday's paper.

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30th at 2.30 arm No flowers, but donations to Brendoncare. Frondield. Mariforough. Withs.

MOODY - On March 18th 1990, in the early hours of Sunday, Miss Marcorie C. Moody, in her 90th year, peacefully at a nursing home at Lourd, Suffolk. Eldest daughter of the former Alice and Montague Moody, of The Bourne. Widford, Herts, and dear sister of Doreen Hamilton (nice Moody). Cremation Service will be held at Gorieston Crematorium on Tuesday March 27th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, denations in memory to R.S.P.B. The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

ON THIS DAY MARCH 22

from cutlery to kisses is going cheap.

Picturesque azure sky. Shops turned inside out upon the pavements; decorated stalls laden with merchandise marked "En réclame!" or hung with banners proclaiming "Ici on

Sedate abopksepera, clad in old Provencal dress, standing in their from the throng without, explaining through the dun of a loud-speaker yelling opera within the shop, that in the cause of commerce dignity must

sometimes be sacrificed. Down the paved market-place, under the pollarded planes, round the fountain, in and out among the stalls, and down the streets so narrow that lovers leaning from windows could steel a kiss across them, dances a in their red shoes guily keep time with the mandolines played by her attendant squires, in red berets, scarlet relatir waistcoats, white lawn shirts, and white knee breeches and stockings. As she flusts along, she sings the song of the Broderse, and

behind her hurry the youth of Grasse, eager to win even one glance from those dark eyes, one smile from those white teeth. She vanishes under an archway, and the tinkle of the mandolines is drowned in the blare of mixed music vibrating in wireless waves from Rome, Paris, Lyons and Juan-les-Pins.

Children in Provençal costume caper and dodge about the streets excitedly. Cars of visitors wind slowly in and out among the crowd of laughing peasants. A laughing line of girls, running along with arms inter-linked , suddenly swerve from the pavement to encircle some handsome boy, who gains his freedom by payment of a kiss all round. Kisses

are cheep to-day! Ice on brade! A stout female of Italian breed leans from her perfumery shop to spray unwary revellers with scent pressed from the jasmin flowers grown in the fields of Grasse. She herself is a walking pestilence, for she has soaked her ample person with essential oils of every blossom whose perfume she is selling - and her

dejeuner was seasoned with garlic. Every one is sending telegrams to say that they will not be home for dinner. Wy should they leave this paradise in Provence just at its loveliest hour? Fer better to drive a little way out of the town towards Magagnose, leaving the revelry far below. There, the stillness broken only by the sound of the Angelus ringing out into the evening air and the rushing of little mountain streams, one can watch the sky paling from orange to rose merging into a translucent green flecked with cirrus clouds like flying flamingoes. The mountain of Grasse slowly throws a clock of amethyst over be shoulders and dons her necklace of sparkling lights as she sits and gazes across the plains of olive trees and fragrant flower fields to the long line

of the Esterels and the misty sea.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** 

MES HEYWORTH TALEO thanks all those who have shared in the family's serrow at Frank's death for their expressions of sympathy and

ANNOUNCEMENTS

When the time comes, make sure you call 7ne 7mes us 01-481 4000.

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Unexpectedly passed away on the 19th of March at house. Much loved husband of Najah, born Rockshy, and lowing fether of Migd, Basel and Samer. Will be greatly missed by all family and many good friends including his collesgues and Directors and Startholders of Jordon International Start Prayers will be head at 11.00 ms on Thursday 22nd March at the Regnet Park Mongae. The function will be held at 12.30 pm of the same day at Brookwood cemetery. Pales, near Brookwood cemetery. Pales, pear

Brookwood censeisry. Pales, near Wokang, Surmy. Condulences are secrepted at the deceased from at 17 Prances Gase Court, Ethibition Rond, London SW7 after the finneral and on Friday and Saturday from 4.00 pm.

May he rest in peace.

LAW Society Finals Course 1990-91 London place wanted to ex-change for Chester, Tel: 0734 507784 after 6pm.

ROGERS - REES-WESSE: Th

moderits - REES-WEBBE: The marriage took place on Saturday 17th March, between Robin Rogers and Shona Rees-Webbe at Hoty Trinity Church. Weston Lulkingfields. Dr. Charles Mackworth-Young was the best man, and Master James Rogers and Miss Alexandra Shuttleworth were in attendance. The honeymoon will be spent on the way to Sudney, Australia where the

ey. Australia where the couple will spend the next

BIRTHDAYS

DOMOTHY Ickinger is 50 today. Much love Eric. Robert, Anna and Andrew. XXX XXX XXXX

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records that special moment
for all times. Michael's Homice, Hastings.

ROBERTSON - On Friday

March 16th 1990, at Park

Lodge, Binfield, in her 85th

Jour, after a long and

courageous struggle, Beatrice

Ann, widow of W.T. (Wilke)

Robertson, mother of Struan

and grandmother of Struan

and grandmother of Struan

and Bethamy. Cremation at

Easthampstead Park Crema
torium, Brackatel, on Friday

March 25rd at 2.30 pm.

ROBERSON HOMERY - On

March 25rd at 2.30 pm.

(CONSISON-HOMEY - On March 19th, peacefully in hospital. Colonel E.W. (Runny) Robinson-Horley M.B.E., beloved father of Richard, father-in-law of Sayre and adored grandpa of Arny and Sam. Funeral Service at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium. Tumbridge Walls, on Thursday March 29th at 11.30 am precisely. Family flowers only, done-lions to Cancer Research and Family flowers only. Lions to Cancer Resear The Asthma Society. ROTHSCHILD - On March 20th 1990, suddenly to London, Lord Rothschild, beloved husband of Tess.

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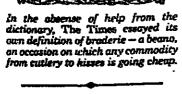
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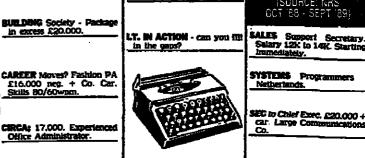
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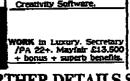
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# War and a windbag

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What with a remake of A Guy Named Joe about to open in the cinema (see review of Always, opposite), the recent series of plays at the Lyric Hammersmith, and the beginning last night of Never Come Back on BBC 2, it is clear that 1990 will be a vintage year for long-lost scripts about murderous London life in the Second World War. Set in the phoney war, John Mair's thriller about a hack journalist (Nathaniel Parker) getting caught up in a bewilderingly sudden romance followed by death, had about it a perfect period quality, suggesting yet again that the BBC drama department is at its best when recreating with deadly accuracy the posters and broadcasting, the apparel and apparatus of an age when menace was literally in the air. On BBC 1, Dr Jonathan Miller

for QED gave this year's Benny Hill lecture on the medical and psychological significance of the giggle and the guffaw, so uncannily illustrating the difference between the Miller of today and the comic

At the time of Beyond the Fringe, Miller as a professor holding forth to an audience about what he solemnly described as "the cognitive achievement which we call the sense of humour' would have been considered one of his better sketches, alongside the one about the man misplacing his trousers on the Central Line and the one about the Great Train Robbery involving no actual loss

But 30 years on, this was no joke: here was Miller in non-selfparodic form, his elbows still up by his earholes, yet apparently seeing nothing funny about a man trying to explain humour to an audience which appeared to think of it as a curious medical

At a time when, as Sunday's BAFTA awards shamefully established, The South Bank Show has become unfashionable among the thinking classes, and the BBC has still to come up with a credible alternative, it seems more and more idiotic of Michael Grade at Channel 4 to be closing down

Indeed if BBC 2 has any sense at all, it will pick it up just as it has rightly taken What the Papers Say from Grade's out-tray. Last night's programme considered some victims of glasnost: thriller-writers in search of new villains now that the KGB has turned pussycat. Characteristically, it did a cracking good job.

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I und-raisers in the arts are divided over the implica-tions of the Budget's "gift aid" proposals. These will allow, for the first time, tax relief on one-off charitable donations of between £600 and £5 million.

It will immediately benefit organizations, such as the Royal Opera House, which already receive substantial "no strings attached" gifts. These will now be enlarged by tax relief. Ewen Balfour, the ROH director of public relations, says that "a substantial proportion of the £5.5 million we raise from private sources comes from individuals, rather than sponsorship. Now these will be worth considerably more - provided that we can persuade donors to maintain the same levels of giving. When we are talking at the level of Mrs Jean Sainsbury's £1 million donation,

# Ride on Major's galloping gift horse

Richard Morrison on what Tuesday's Budget means for professional fund-raisers in the arts the tax relief would obviously make a considerable difference." It will also benefit organizations

that have "capital" projects. Sally Mason, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, commented: "The tax relief will be immensely valuable when we have a gift covering some major expenditure, such as the refurbishment of a gallery."

On the other hand, normal arts sponsorship by firms (currently running at around £15 million a year in Britain) will not benefit, because it would be counted by the Inland Revenue as a business deal, with benefits accruing to both

sides. According to Nichola Pritchett-Brown, sponsorship manager of the Royal Phil-harmonic Orchestra: "To qualify for the new tax relief, a donation must not be for services rendered, such as programme credits for a sponsor, or tickets provided. That rules out most of the RPO's

Nevertheless, Caroline Kay, of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts, wel-comed the "gift aid" proposal. "It opens up the possibility of corporate giving on a charitable, rather than commercial, basis.

Before, it was hardly worth knocking on that particular door." Kay says that the Inland Revenue must now decide where to draw the line between a "listing" of a donation gratefully received, and "publicity" for a sponsor.

If the Budget proposal triggers off a spate of arts donations by individuals, the Arts Council and the Museums and Galieries Commission will claim some credit. They jointly commissioned research from the chartered accountants, Touche Ross, into incentives that could encourage private arts funding. The results

were presented to the Treasury.
"We were aware that in the United States 80 per cent of private arts support comes from individuals rather than companies," says Monica Tross, an Arts Council marketing director, "In Britain we found that, while there was broad use of covenant schemes, there needed to be a tax-relief mechanism covering one-off gifts." The Arts Council has expressed itself

'delighted" by the Budget. So will the Budget mean that arts organizations spend more the way forward signalled by Peter

Palumbo, the Arts Council's chairman. But John Willan, managing director of the London Philharmonic, has mixed feelings, "We would be stupid not to give it a go. At present, private donations to the London Philharmonic are very few, though they are gratefully received. Perhaps they will increase if the as long as it hurts the Inland Revenue mentality comes into operation.

But I don't think we will ever reach American levels. They have a whole history of giving, and Americans are easily swayed. Look at what the television evangelists achieve. Moreover, there is a tradition of supporting, say, the big American orchestras as a conspicuous, social obligation to your community. With the plethora of arts organizations in time seeking private gifts? That is London, such a situation could never become possible here."

Debra Craine on the latest adaptation, a dance version, of Ibsen's Peer Gynt

# eaps of imagination

performance, Peer Gynt is doing rather well in London these days. A new production at the Royal National Theatre opened last month, and on Tuesday a modern dance version of Peer Gynt receives its world premiere when Arc Dance Company opens a three-night run at The Place

Ibsen created his sprawling Nordic tale as a verse play, to be read as poetry and not to be acted before a live audience. Yet the dramatic potential inherent in his surrealist fantasy proved irresistible to the theatre, and in 1876 he was persuaded to revise Peer Gynt for the stage. Three years ago, the American choreographer John Neumeier used it as the subject of a fulllength ballet for his Hamburg company.

The Danish choreographer Kim Brandstrup, responsible for Arc's version, says: "It's a gut reaction, initially, that brings me to Peer Gynt. I know the material so well from my childhood: it's been something that I haven't questioned as a statement of anything, of morals or nonmorals. Of course it's a moralistic tale, that I can see, but that's not what sparks me off. It's the smell, the sound and a feeling of knowing those characters."

In Arc's version, peasants re-enact the story of the folk hero Peer Gynt, who represents the myth of the one who could do all the things they could only dream about. Whereas the National's production runs for over three hours, Brandstrup has condensed the saga of the Norwegian Everyman into 70 minutes, and instead of Grieg's original picturesque incidental music there is a commisssioned, strongly rhythmic score by Ian Dearden and Sarah

Freed from the literalism of the text, Brandstrup is able to distil his hero's journey of self-discovery without the exotic settings - the troll cave, the Cairo madhouse and the Sahara desert - that make the play so difficult to stage

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or a play never intended for convincingly. In any case, dance as a performance, Peer Gynt is doing medium is better suited to the play's leaps of imagination and its cinema-like scenecutting, which takes Peer from farmhouse to mountaintop to Africa to North Sea shipwreck in an instant.

The choreographer's approach is to emphasize contrast, setting the tale-telling Peer apart from the drab real world he so reluctantly inhabits. "The play has a light proclamatory style which all the characters share, but here I make Peer Gynt the one that has that style; the surroundings are much darker. That, of course, is my experience of a very strict Protestant society in Scandinavia.'

Is Peer a tragic figure? "He's a mixture. He's very forceful and very full of life, but he doesn't know what reality is, and that is tragic. But then, as human beings it's all we've got, our imaginary world."

As with Peer, so with Brandstrup: creating imaginary worlds is what he is all about ("I want suddenly to become witness to another universe"), and it is also what distinguishes him from many of his contemporaries. The abstractions of post-modern choreography do not interest him. "There's nothing abstract about human beings. If you put two human beings on stage, a drama starts." He believes contemporary choreo-

graphers went wrong when they rejected the search for imaginary character. "I think the shortcoming of all the contemporary choreographers has been that what they did was reduced to style, and ultimately became cloning. You had everybody moving like the master, like Merce Cunningham or Martha Graham, so that the actual expression of what should be the character becomes a

Using narrative makes Brandstrup's work more accessible to audiences, a fact which has not escaped The Place's director, John Ashford. He commissioned Peer Gynt for his Spring Loaded season of contemporary dance. Ashford, who says ing of all the companies in his season, believes narrative is making a comeback.

"We have moved through a period of abstraction, which has mirrored a period of abstraction in the fine arts in the postwar period," he says. "Then you get a return to narrative as a reaction to the abstraction, and that's exactly what's happening in dance. Going to an abstract work is like listening to a symphony, whereas going to see *Peer Gynt* is much more like going to the theatre."

randstrup's most recent other work, Orfeo, based on the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice, has just won an Olivier nomination for London Contemporary Dance Theatre. The Dybbuk, his next piece for LCDT (to be seen at The Place in April), is about the exorcism of a young Jewish woman possessed by the soul of her

Serious stuff; yet this soft-spoken 33year-old from Copenhagen, formerly a film student, laughingly dismisses the tag of Depressed Dane. "Life is full of very dark things and full of wonderful things."

One of those wonderful things would be money, but he refuses to be defeated by the fact that the Arts Council recently rejected Arc's application for a £20,000 grant to take Peer Gynt on a British tour. A spokeswoman said that the Council's advisers "did not consider the company a priority". Perhaps Brandstrup's narrative style is out of favour with the prevailing orthodoxy in arts funding.
"Of course you get hurt, but you can't let

that hurt drive your artistic vision. Yes, I'm very poor but I've always been poor,

Arc is now looking for private sponsor-ship to fund the British tour. But whatever happens, Brandstrup's Peer Gunt will tour Scandinavia in September when it will visit Ibsen's home theatre, the National Theatre in Oslo, as part of a festival celebrating the playwright's work.



# Impossible dreamers over the moon

Benedict Nightingale **How Steeple Sinderby** 

Wanderers Won the FA Cup Mermaid

This is Roy of the Rovers as it

might have been written by A.G. MacDonell, author of England Their England: a genial footballing fantasy designed to appeal to that part of our national character which likes to see the worm turn on the school bully, and, playing strictly by the Queensberry rules, send him bloody-nosed back to his lair. In this adaptation of J.L. Carr's

novel by Christopher Lillicrap and Mike Fields, the underdog is a village team that fields a milkman as goalie, the vicar as a nimble winger, and a painfully decent schoolmaster as midfield general. With players like these, an amiably despotic farmer as club chairman, and plenty of comic rustics as supporters, how can they possibly fail to see off overdog after overdog once they have entered the FA Cup?

Leeds, Manchester United and Aston Villa are only some of the monsters felled by the buttercup-shirted lads of Steeple Sinderby, like the Luftwaffe by the Few. It is nominally achieved by a system which the authors show being invented by an immigrant Hungarian, a Balogh or Kaldor of the terraces. This seems largely to consist of what the cognoscenti would nowadays call "total foot-



Gleeful: Karen Davies (left) and Justine Midda as football supporters

ball": every defender also an two-woman cast on a stage furattacker, every attacker a defender. But never mind the technical stuff. The Sinderby engine is really fuelled by pluck, fair play and highminded disdain for sponsors, television interviewers and other such supposed leeches.

Somehow the authors manage to prevent this wishful tribute to English amateurism becoming pi or priggish. They are less successful at avoiding repetition and a certain cuteness. When the plot consists of improbable triumph after improbable triumph, it is of course tempting to vary things by introducing a plodding local bobby or another more or less lovable rural eccentric. But there are times when one wishes the humour was a little less self-indulgent and self-congratulatory. Still, it is difficult to resist the play, performed as it is with infectious glee by its five-man,

nished with little but a rough table and a few benches. The most vivid presence is undoubtedly Phil Croft's blunt, brusque chairman, effortlessly crushing every opponent, including a smug television celebrity in a neon bow-tie; but everyone else in Mike Fields's production hops happily enough from part to part, sometimes crossing the gender-barrier as they

They give us scenes in lockerroom, village street, church hall and even graveyard, everywhere except on the playing field itself. Excited commentary stands in for the games themselves, which would be just as well, even if it were not technically inevitable. Victories like those of Steeple Sinderby are best left to the schoolboy or schoolgirl who credulously dreams in most of our

# Blues that haunt the memory

In his last play, The Astronomer's Garden, Kevin Hood launched an imaginative raid on the early 18th century and came back with an entertaining costume drama spiced with some big ideas about science, rationality and male and female principles. He has moved forward to the 1940s for an exploration of a world where big emotions rather than big ideas hold sway - the New York jazz scene.

This is rather treacherous ground, not just because it has been extensively recreated in such films as Tavernier's 'Round Midnight and Eastwood's Bird, but also because of an inherent tendency towards maudlin self pity. But Hood comes out of it pretty well, with an arresting piece which manages to seem neither derivative nor self-indulgent.

He has the excellent idea of starting with a most unlikely character - a Geordie brickie and amateur sax player, Bernie, whose life has been changed by one of the

Harry Eyres

Sugar Hill Blues Croydon Warehouse

great New York jazzmen, the blind Lewis. Bernie (a splendidly raw-boned, urgent performance by Simon Slater) sends off homemade records to Lewis, then takes the plunge by giving up his job and getting a passage washing dishes on the Queen Mary. On board he meets a disillusioned cabaret singer, Jennifer, a well-born Shropshire lass heartbroken by her lover's death in the war. Liza Sadovy is perfect in this part. sporting elbow-length gloves and insincere gestures and expressing tunnel expectation in every feature. Stefan Bednarczyk plays (in both senses) her snide accompanist with great skill.

If the scenes set in New York do not have quite the same authenticity, that is not the fault of the

actors. Okon Jones is strong and charismatic as Lewis, the troubled son of a fundamentalist pastor who, when we see him, has hocked his horn and retreated into introspection, Pauline Black does wonders with the underwritten part of his pregnant girlfriend Elaine. It is just that, where with the English characters Hood can suggest conflicts of class and sex through nuances of speech and behaviour, with the Americans he must spell them out over-schematically.

in the end this is a piece about two worlds — the world of English irony and the world of negro blues - which never quite connect; and so the second half, a series of meetings between Bernie and Jennifer and Lewis and Elaine, lacks the momentum of

The cast is magnificent and Ted Craig's direction makes the most north of the river.

### Songs from the stars

RECITAL Noël Goodwin

Geoffrey Bush tribute Wigmore Hall

Graham Johnson, the pianist and deft compiler of this and indeed all the Songmakers' Almanac prothe Songmakers' Almanac programmes, is right to deplore the lack of present interest in the writing and performing of classical English song. But I am not sure when he expected us to absorb his three large, closely-typed pages about it, to which he added a species commentary from the spoken commentary from the platform.

The occasion was a birthday tribute to Geoffrey Bush, 70 next Friday, who nicely returned the compliment with a new song-cycle, Song of the Zodiac. Sub-tuled "Twelve Variations", these are settings of zodiacal poems by David Gascoyne, a friend of Bush's since they were at school together. They were divided equally between the soprano, tenor and baritone of three singers whose vocal artistry is rooted in

verbal perception: Lillian Watson, Anthony Rolfe Johnson and Henry Herford respectively.

Bush has always been a tonal composer, with a predilection for vocal music, in which, as his new songs again demonstrate, his invention is capable of giving English words a musical substance of colour as well as charm, spirit as well as sentiment.

These and a group of his individual songs — in which he showed himself no more afraid of Virginia Woolf in prose than of Shakespeare or Ben Jonson in poetry - were gracefully put into the context of an immediate heritage of English song, repre-sented by Parry, Stanford and Ireland, as well as some dimmer Victorian figures such as Maude Valerie White, Arthur Goring Thomas and Edward Loder.

Bush has himself expressed the view that such 19th-century composers deserve rehabilitation, and the engaging candour of the performers in treating them with as much sentiment or simplicity as their music requires shone some brief illumination into this musical curiosity corner.

# The gags come off

OPERA **Barry Millington** 

Un giorno di regno Bloomsbury

University College Opera, which celebrates its 40th anniversary next year, has a splendid track record of digging into neglected corners of the repertory. This year the offering is the rarely heard Un giorno di regno (King for a Day), Verdi's second opera, composed

Verdi was obliged to fulfil the commission for this comic opera even though he had just suffered the bitter loss of his wife, Margherita Barezzi, married only four years before. The fiasco that resulted at the premiere would seem to be attributable largely to the inadequate performance. Certainly Verdi's invention was unflagging and there is no sign that his heart was not in it.

Terry John Bates's production for UCO (designed by Clive Lavagna) is after the manner of a Mel Brooks movie, with a large number of successful gags easily outstripping those that do not quite come off. Several members of the cast have a natural aptitude for this kind of thing. Richard of a thoroughly enjoyable play, which ought to follow its predecessor's example by transferring too) as the Chevalier di Belfiore,

arch for a day, and revelling in the trappings of power to which he is clearly unaccustomed. Graham Stone as the Treasurer has a nice line in smiles that freeze on the face and grimaces to which other characters are not privy.

Sometimes, too, there is a gentle guying of the conventions, a game that can be easily overplayed, but which works well here in the duet for the bickering Giulietta and Edoardo (stylishly sung by Jenny Miller and Murray Kimmins, the latter once or twice running into vocal production difficulties

One of the two or three memorable arias is given to the Marchioness del Poggio and is beautifully taken by Tizzie Dennett. Otherwise the best music is in the areas where the best music. is in the ensembles, which fizz and sparkle under Christopher Fifield's direction, even if the cracking tempos he sets sometimes has the student orchestra floundering.

There are two more opportunities, on Friday and Saturday, to catch this enjoyable production.



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David Robinson reviews Always, A City of Sadness, Strapless, Tango and Cash, Rude Awakening, Judgment in Berlin and Abel

# Spielberg takes a flyer on nostalgia

teven Spielberg's gift for anticipating popular taste has rarely failed him, so there must be a good reason for remaking a popular success of nearly 50 years ago. A Guy Named Joe, written by Dalton Trumbo and directed by Victor Fleming, was made in 1943, and had Spencer Tracy as the ghost of a pilot killed in action, who gives spiritual guidance to an inexperienced flier with whom his own bereaved girl falls in love.

The only major change in Spielberg's Always (PG, Plaza 1) is to bring the story up to the present, setting it among pilots who fight forest fires. The Spencer Tracy role is taken over by Richard Dreyfuss; the girl, originally Irene Dunne, is Holly Hunter. Brad Johnson, as the young pilot, is a lumbering cowboy type, whose faux pas and execrable John Wayne impersonations are winning.

Audrey Hepburn, charming as ever, is the cheery guardian of a rather wishy-washy world beyond, carpeted with wilting daisies. The 1943 version of heaven had Lionel Barrymore as its crusty C-in-C.

A sense of the past pervades the film. Perhaps it comes from hangovers of the original dialogue

and sentiment; or the use of

the Far East in the 1980s.

It is a demanding and difficult film for Western audiences, very

far from his endearing Summer at

The film sets out to recreate,

through the saga of one family, the

whole plagued post-war history of the island of Taiwan - succes-

sively, liberation from Japanese

domination, invasion by crime

and corruption from mainland

China, violent conflict between

islanders and mainlanders, and

then bloody political suppression

family relationships, not to speak

of the complex political back-

ground, demands exceptionally

close application from the viewer.

It helps that the central fig-

mes - the family's stone-deaf son

and his fiancée whose notes to him

To follow all the extended

by the Nationalist Government.

t the Venice Film Festi-

val last year, A City of

Sadness won the main prize, confirming Hou

Hsiao-hsien as the main cinematic talent to emerge in

antiquated Second World War 'planes; or "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", which is the theme song. The original used "I'll Get By"; Spielberg wanted "Always", but was apparently refused by the Irving Berlin estate.

In 1943, this story of life, love and sacrifice continuing cheerfully after death — with a special exhortation not to let fidelity to the dead inhibit relationships with the living — found a natural response in a wartime public. Spielberg has frequently set out to exorcize our most deep and secret common fears; and death after all is the ultimate fear, in or out of war. Perhaps Aids, too, has brought death closer to the experience of young people.

ence of young people.

Spielberg disarms most misgivings about the sentiment with his skill as entertainer. There is a persistent leavening of robust comedy, mostly provided by burly John Goodman in the old Ward Bond part.

The film certainly surpasses the

original when it comes to the flying scenes, which are spectacular, unremittingly exciting and with a clarity of action rare in aviation dramas. The forest fires were partly filmed during the catastrophic 1988 conflagrations in Yellowstone National Park.



Andrey Hepburn: "charming as ever, is the cheery guardian of a rather wishy-washy world beyond, carpeted with wilting daisies", in Always

# Acting under 'the will of heaven'

provide a continuous commentary — are beautifully played and compellingly charming.

The director writes that he wanted "to capture on film how men act under "the will of heaven", and this he achieves, with a wealth of detail and some memorable scenes both of vi-

olence and sentiment.

He has created a style to suit his epic subject: the film is largely filmed in wide shots, in uncut tableau scenes skilfully photographed to focus on the multiple action going on in different parts of the set. It is sometimes hard going, perhaps, but rewards the

Strapless (15, Curzon West End) sounds like a saucy Forties revue, but is in fact a new David Hare study of a woman in search of commitment. Dr Lillian Hempel (Blair Brown) is a 40year-old American doctor, working in a fund-starved NHS hospital in London. Her feckless, slobbish younger sister (Bridget Fonda) has moved into her flat and disrupted her life.

On holiday in Portugal, she meets a seemingly rich but very mysterious stranger (Bruno Ganz), who whirls her into a latelife romantic liaison — which anyone else might predict will lead to no good.

The style of the film is realistic; but neither the characters nor the events have much relation to reality; and everyone in the story behaves in a strangely disconnected way. There is, too, a sense of contrivance in the pat, morally instructive confrontations of birth and death, the sister's reformation, the heroine's last-reel discovery of strength to surmount her private troubles and commit her-

self to social action, and the eventual explanation of the unsubtle imagery contained in the film's title.

Andrei Konchalovsky has travelled a long road from his Russian youth (writing Ivan's Childhood and Andrei Rublev with Andrei Tarkovsky) to Tango and Cash (15, Warner West End, Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street), a low-level formula cop movie, notable only for teaming Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell as the reluctant buddies who crack the drug gangsters. Stallone affects spectacles, sharp suits and a lighter personality, with several smart one-liners and jokey references to his own films.

Rade Awakening (15, Odeon Marble Arch), directed by David Greenwalt and Aaron Mason, is a good-natured comedy about a couple of Rip Van Winkle hippies

who return from 20 years' exile in the wilds of South America, to find their old companions corrupted by the yuppie materialism of the Eighties.

Eric Roberts — a fine actor who never quite makes the star parts — gives a good tragi-comic performance as the one who still believes in the old idealism. Cheech Marin is his permanently stoned sidekick, and there are nice character bits from Buck Henry and Louise Lasser.

Recent history has rather overtaken Judgment in Berlin (PG, Cannon Tottenham Court Road). Set in the late Seventies, it is about the trial in West Germany of a young East German, desperate to emigrate, who has hijacked a Polish plane and forced it to land in West Berlin — to the great satisfaction of many of his fellowThe script is adapted from a book by the actual trial judge, and appears to be based on fact—which may explain why the complex legal manoeuvres of the court-room scenes which dominate the film are intriguing but not very dramatic.

Judge (Martin Sheen) and verbose defence counsel (Sam Wanamaker) battle to frustrate the political efforts of both Western and Eastern blocs to engineer a conviction. The performances are good, with Sean Penn's brief scene as a student defector outstanding. The film is directed, at best serviceably, by Penn's father, Leo

Abel (15, Metro) is an anaschic, absurdist and very winning Dutch farce, written and directed by Alex Van Warmerdam, who also plays the lead role of the grown-up spoilt brat who refuses to go outside the door of his parents' apartment.

The comedy lies in Abel's

vicious manipulation of his parents; and is good fun until it runs out of steam after the first hour.

# A killing for Curtis

Geoff Brown

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the day of first release or, in the case of television films, of first broadcast.

THE BOSTON STRANGLER (CBS/Fox, 18): Director Richard Fleischer's spitt-screen antics were not made for video, but the film is saved by Tony Curtis's eerie performance as the schizophrenic killer and the exciting paraphernalia of a big-city manhunt,

COBRA VERDE (Palace, PG):
Klaus Kinski as a disgruntled South
American rancher who takes his
revenue through banditry. A pale
copy of Werner Herzog's earlier
exercises in adventure, jurigle fever and visionary dreams. 1988.
GIRL ON A MOTORCYCLE (Castle,
18): Near-legendary tosh from
1968, with Marianne Faithull tightly
wrapped in black leather speeding
down highways for a meeting with
love and death.

HALLOWEEN 4: THE RETURN OF MICHAEL MYERS (Braveworld, 18): Psychiatrist Donald Pleasance battling the psychotic killer accurately described as "Evil on two legs". Plodding fare for the gore brigade. 1989.

HIDER IN THE HOUSE (Vestron, 18): State and tedious psychological thriller, though Gary Busey tries hard to please as the madman secreted in the attic of a renovated house. 1989.

QUEEN OF HEARTS (MGM/UA, PG): Family life among London's Italian community, seen through a young boy's eyes. First cinema feature of considerable charm by director John Amiel (best-known for *The Singing Detective* and other TV classics). 1989.

THE RAINBOW (Vestron, 15): Ken Russell returns to his old stamping ground — D H Lawrence — after a tiresome run of Gothic nightmares. Soberly handled, beautifully mounted, though Sammi Davis is a bit stretched as the teenager questing passionately for sexual liberty and independence. 1989. THE STAN LAUREL CENTENARY COLLECTION (Virgin Vision, U): Fascinating group of four Hal Roach shorts from the pre-Hardy days when Laurel was less of a dunderhead, and more a dashing young man about town.

successful version of Tom Sharpe's comic novel, set in the dingy provinces, Griff Rhys Jones cuts a nimble figure as the sardonic university teacher set up for a murder; Mel Smith mugs too much as the crass investigating detective.

David Robinson talks to Sir Richard Attenborough about his film Cry Freedom, now being officially released in South Africa, three years after the rest of the world

# Freedom has merely been delayed

Imost three years after its original release, Richard Attenborough's film Cry Freedom will at last be officially released in South Africa. At the same time it goes on video

release in this country.

"As a historical fact," Sir Richard recalls, "it did actually open in South Africa in 1987. We applied for permission to show the film, and for six months were passed from one department to another. But no one would make a decision. So the distributors, UIP, went ahead and announced the picture.

"Then the censorship board passed it, though it had still not received formal approval. Forty-eight hours before it was due to open, the Government asked the censorship board to see it once again — obviously hoping that they would decline to pass it, and so solve the problem. But the censorship board approved it.

"This was on Friday. On Saturday the film opened in 30 cinemas across South Africa, all packed. Soon after the shows began, the police walked in and confiscated every copy. In some places the audiences saw the film through, but generally it was interrupted after only an hour. They used the excuse that there was a bomb or something.

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"So that was that — until four weeks ago, when the secret police arrived at the door of the UIP office and handed back the film. So it will open at the end of April. It will be ascingting to see the reaction now—though many people have already seen it: there

lmost three years after are hundreds of pirate videos its original release, throughout South Africa."

Both Attenborough and Donald Woods — the exiled South African journalist whose experiences inspired the film — in which he is played by Kevin Kline — feel confident that Cry Freedom can now make a fresh political contribution. "I think it can be a big help to both sides — both Mandela and De Klerk," says Donald Woods, "mainly in telling white South Africans a lot of things they still don't know. They have simply not had access to information. The recent revelations about the police death squads were a big shock to many of them.

Attenborough confirms that

point. "Some of them are ignorant to a point you cannot believe. We showed the film to one South African whom Donald knows very well. He came out afterwards very moved, streaming tears. 'Great film Donald,' he sobbed, 'only there are terrible mistakes. You must take out that scene where white police are hitting black women with truncheons. That would never happen. You'd never see a white policeman hit a black woman with a truncheon'.

woman with a truncation."
"It's people like him we want to see the film. The people who are going to affect what happens now are the centre section. It is terribly important that these people—who have been comforted by the things De Klerk has done—tealize that only when the state of emergency has been ended and when political prisoners have been released will the cornerstones of apartheid be removed."

Attenborough is exasperated by official British attitudes. "How dare they, when they know the brutality and oppression that still exists, and when the state of emergency is still in force. I would certainly not wish to denigrate De Klerk; but to suggest that all the admiration and respect should be lavished on him, to talk of 'rewarding' him and by the same

token to marginalize Mandela is

extraordinary, unforgiveable."

e does not know if the British Prime Minister has ever seen the film. For the premiere we invited equal numbers of MPs from the three main parties. We got a 100 per cent refusal from the Conservative Party, a 60 per cent yes from the middle and a 90 per cent yes from

the Labour party.

"We thought perhaps it was a fluke — that the Conservatives, who were after all governing the country, were too busy. So we sent out the same number of invitations to other Conservative politicians. The same response. I don't think one came.

"In America the film was the most diabolical failure in the theatres. Even in the areas where one might have expected interest — Atlanta, for instance—the audiences did not come. Perhaps black people did not want to resurrect what they had been through themselves in the Sixties.

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But everywhere else in the world it has been an extraordinary success. The West German Chancellor told us, 'After seeing your film there can be no question

about one's emotional reaction, that sanctions have to be maintained.' The same thing happened in Japan and Sweden . . .

"So even if the film will never make it into the Box Office Top 500 in Variety, I'm very proud of the fact that we made it. The statistics of the anti-apartheid movement show that wherever it has been shown recruitment has rocketed.

"What I care about in my films is the content. I don't pretend to be an auteur film maker, but I have to express myself through the cinema — it's the only way I can talk about the things that matter to me. And if people think that I make unimaginative, old-style narrative films, I really don't mind. But if they denigrate the content, then I get upset and belliverent.

"I think that Cry Freedom—it's not a very good title, in fact—was a statement very much worth making at that time. People in the ANC think that it has had a profound effect. And if that is so, then it was worth making

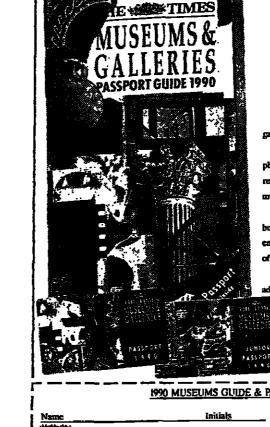
then it was worth making.

"I hope it has a historical place.
Maybe in 20 years time — please
God! — apartheid won't exist; but
we must never forget that it did
exist, just as we must never forget
that Hitler existed. And the film is
a record of that, whatever people's
views of it."

Donald Woods is once again free to return to South Africa with his family. He was recently invited to resume writing for his old paper, *The Despatch*. He began his first article with the words, "As I was saying when I was so rudely



Richard Attenborough discusses the profound effect of Cry Freedom with Winnie Mandela in South Africa



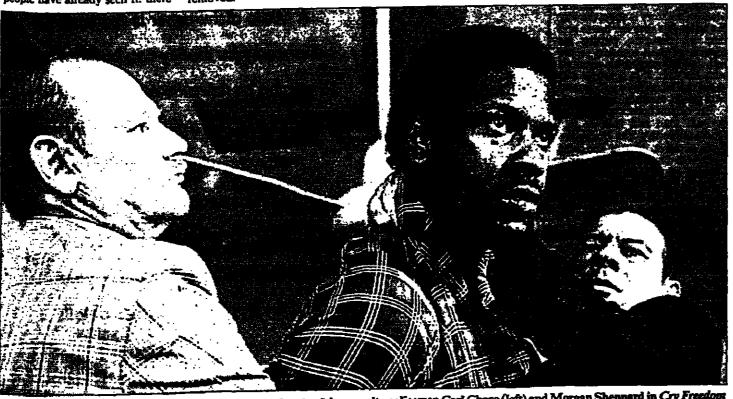
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Dennel Washington as Steve Biko (centre) falls into the hands of the security policemen Carl Chase (left) and Morgan Sheppard in Cry Freedom

# The pain and cure of living

Hitler's death camps, and for those whose families died there, the suffering is never over. "The hurt is as present, as real, many years later as it was on the day it happened. Despite all outer appearances to the contrary, it is not possible for these victims of past events to have normal lives in the present."

Bruno Bettelheim suffered in this way both on his own account and on behalf of others. He ended his own life just over a week ago, on 13 March. He was 86 years old and in a nursing home. It could have been a case of simply having had enough, except that the date he chose was the date the Nazis entered Austria in 1938.

He was a Viennese Jew who had spent 18 months in Dachau and Buchenwald. Like Primo Levi, who killed himself in 1987, and like hundreds of others who escaped death in the camps, he never overcame survivor's guilt. Like Levi, he used his pain in a lifelong debate on the death camps, while making a positive contribution to life — in Bettelheim's case, the care and cure of damaged and disturbed

Bruno Bettelheim is not such a beguiling writer as Levi, and though he wrote many books, he rarely wrote directly about himself. He shared Freud's opinion that writing a biography was a commitment "to lying, to conceal-ment, to flummery", and thought the same was true of autobiography. This collection of essays, in lieu of a personal testament, investigates the three main preoccupations of his life: Freud, and the Vienna that produced both Freud and himself; the perceptions of children, and the key experiences of his own child-

hood; and the Holocaust.
In relation to Freud and psychoanalysis, Bettelheim is like an early Christian disgusted by the dogma, schism, and institu-tionalization that muddled the primitive pure faith. (Ernest Jones, Freud's first biographer and

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Victoria Glendinning on the survivor of Buchenwald and ghetto thinking, who argued about the death camps, and turned to the care of

RECOLLECTIONS AND REFLECTIONS By Brano Bettelheim Thames & Hudson, £14.95

damaged children

interpreter, is Bettelheim's bête noire.) A deformed kind of Freudian psychoanalysis became a haven, he suggests, for people who no longer had strong religious underpinnings. Freud is his hero, though his conversion came about by chance — a rival for the girl he fancied at school was dazzling her with talk of psychoanalysis, so he decided to bone up on it himself,

e applied his interpretive skills to the tragedy of the Jews under the Nazis. Why, in the 1930s, did the Jews blind themselves to what was going to happen? Why did they not rise up and protest, why did not more people escape? These are the questions that tormented him. His most controversial point about the Holocaust is his concept of "ghetto thinking", which many Jews have found offensive. The Israeli Jew of today, he writes, has nothing in common with the Jews of the ghetto but a name. Those who are neither ghetto Jews nor Israelis, but somewhere in between, are at home nowhere. "They, like the author, are inwardly torn."

His explanation of how the Holocaust was allowed to happen has to do with the habit of compliance and ingratiation ingrained in Jews in exile, over generations - survival techniques of passivity and conciliation, of the strategic ignoring of rejections and insults, of "business as usual" at all costs, plus an unwillingness to abandon their homes and possessions. This is "ghetto thinking".

When the worst was actually happening, how was it that milions of people "like lemmings" marched themselves off to their own deaths? Inertia and the deathinstinct, he says. Everyone, Jew or gentile, who submits to punishment not because of what he has done but because of what he is, is already "dead by his own decision".

In an essay about the famous "miracle" worked by the devoted teacher Anne Sullivan on the blind-deaf Helen Keller, Bettelheim asks which of the two was the miracle, and which the miracle-worker. He suggests a symbiotic connivance between helper and helped which is as sustaining to the one as to the other. It is possible to infer that he suspected a similar but fatal connivance between persecutors and persecuted.

Benelheim's life-work as an analyst was with people traumatized by the camps, and with disturbed and autistic children, at his Orthogenic School in Chicago. On the Keller analogy, this work maybe helped him as well as helping the children. He practised a "milieu therapy", not unlike the total attention and dedication that Helen Keller received from her

He has written elsewhere in depth about this work; his great books are The Informed Heart and The Uses of Enchantment. The latter book is largely about the function of fairy tales, to which he returns in this collection. We need art and myth, he believes, in order to become attached to life. Television, which creates modern myths, functions for children as an



aid to day-dreaming. We live by fictions that we know to be fictions in order to make life bearable. (It must have crossed his mind that Freud's model of the psyche might also be a "fiction" under this rubric.)

boy that he was is allowed to emerge. He longed as an adult to give children not only the unenjoyed in Vienna, but the free-dom from convention and from adult rules that he did not have. Those who devote themselves to making the world a better place for children, he writes — praising the Polish doctor who voluntarily accompanied children of the Warsaw ghetto to Treblinka and death, so they would not be afraid generally had unhappy childhoods themselves.

Like all good communicators

Flora NOVEL OF THE WEEK Philip Howard

Tasting

A SENSIBLE LIFE By Mary Wesley Bantam, £12.95

This is Mary Wesley's seventh novel since she began writing them in her seventies; and she is starting to repeat herself a bit. Not. that this seems likely to worry fiction reviewers for The Times Between us we have chanted Calliopes of cheers for her from the first one, without a quaver.
This time there is the girl who said escapes by changing class, and becoming a servant. There is the giamorous and unattainable for-

glamorous and unattainable foreign lover who comes and goes—
mostly goes. That "sensible" in
the title is a pun on the French
meaning of a life of the senses.

The story starts in Dinard in
1926 where a group of ghastly
middle-class English families are
spending the Easter holidays by
the sea, and worrying about the likelihood of a General Strike. ous, solitary child, resented and neglected by her uxorious parcats.
She is a watcher, with huge eyes, a lonely walker of dogs, with a rich vocabulary of French foul language. So you can tell at once that she is going to be the heroine, and that her life is going to be complicated, and not sensible in conventional terms. Flora falls 47 intensely in love with Cosmo, and Blanco (English public school boys), and Felix, the cosmopolitan and ambiguous Dutchman. The comic and passionate romance follows the story of these three entwined and cerebral loves for the next half century.

Mary Wesley is becoming more, cunning at imbricating her plot with echoes and adumbrations. At the beach picnic at the end of the hols, two girls break into "Au clair de la lune", and there is at once a 🕌 sunset-touch from the end of the book. Years later, at the moment of his death, Felix would remember those young voices and the recollection of their purity would purge him of his fear. In old age Flora would smile, remembering the child who believed that love

was for one person, for ever.

Mary Wesley is an acute ob-server in her love-hate relationship with the English middling classes. It is a shock when even she misuses "prevaricate" to mean procrastinate; maybe the battle is lost. A running theme throughout is the absolute necessity of reading the sensible world - and quite right too. Nonpareil Wesley combines a young girl's jaunty mischief with an old lady's malicious wit. As usual, she is astringent as well as soppy, and alarmingly honest about such things as sex, bodily smells, and dislike for one's supposedly nearest and dearest. When Flora finally makes it, she lets out a shout: "Woops, how wonderful." As usual, she made me both laugh out loud and cry. It even has a happy ending.

# In this collection, the sexually repressed, middle-class Viennese The female

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# of the spirits

strange chapter in the history of feminism - or antifeminism. Were the young girls like Florence Cook of Hackney, who enjoyed brief celebrity as mediums, charlatans or mystics? In basing her central character of In The Red Kitchen, Flora, on the real life Florence, Michèle Roberts is trying not to find an answer to that question but to reflect on its implications. Women can be treated like goddesses, but only if they will agree to behave like puppets. Flora's powers cause her to be adored by some, reviled by some, and treated as a scientific object by others. Two other female spirits are entangled with hers one from Ancient Egypt and one from 20th-century London. Queen Hat, borne aloft through the palaces of the Pharaohs, may have all the trappings of power, but carries a sense of her own impermanence. Hattie, living in our own time, has a more modern set of doubts against which she must build a barricade of material and sexual satisfactions in order to feel real. To catch the complexity of the theme the author uses different narrative styles cleverly. Less beguiling, but more awe-some, is the economic clarity with which Leonardo Sciascia sketches in a character, landscape, or situation in a way that makes you feel you have read something much longer and richer than you actually have. This is a story about repression and injustice arising from various sorts of bigotry, whether superstitious, religious, or political. Death of an Inquisitor is more a fictionalized essay than a story. It investigates the murder of a minister from the Holy Inquisition in Sicily in 1657. The trouble is that the investigation, based as it is on State Archives and contemporary accounts, often throws up such a jungle of references and cross-references that even the purity of the author's style and the ingenuity of lan Thomson's translation aren't enough to clear the way. Only the quality of innuendo, and the skilfully suggested parallels be-

tween past and present, keep the

reader's attention on the detective

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process. Also included in this volume is "The Captain and the Witch", which describes the trial of an Italian serving girl burnt as a witch in 1617. In this story the author's investigative skills sit more comfortably within the framework of the story. It is told with a passionate sense of irony, and as a simple metaphor.

Life in The World of Nagaraj or Narayan's well-known village of Malgudi — is far more comfortable. Here the main problems are about maintaining domestic harmony with the least possible expense of energy. Nagaraj is wellto-do and well leisured. He is planning to write a book, but is prevented from settling down to it by the sound of his nephew's wife practising on her harmonium. Much of the story is about the way the noise fills first the house and then his thoughts, putting his concept of good manners to the test, and rearranging his relations with his wife. It is a simple tale about typical family conflicts, told with gentle, unassuming humour. The negotiations and conflicts

between man and wife in Iain Crichton Smith's The Dream are more abrasive. Martin and Jean have both been brought up on a Scottish island, and now live in Glasgow. He is restless. His academic job teaching Gaelic at the university seems to deny the reality of the living language, and he dreams of returning to the island to give daily support to the culture of his youth. Jean, however, sees her job in a travel agency as a first step towards exotic foreign places, which will help her to forget her miserable childhood, spent on the island in the home of an unloving aunt. lain Crichton Smith writes like a poet, with a strong natural rhythm and precise observation, giving the dilemma he describes a special Celtic poignancy. Even if Glasgow does triumph in the end.

Nostalgia! — for former Gentle-men Cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, who were brought up on General Sir Ernest Swinton's mini classic. The original sketches, with the lessons learned by Lieutenant "Backsight Forethought" during his six dreams of his valiant defence of Duffer's Drift, used to hang in our and Gunners to study.

Swinton was at the Shop in the 1890s, and fought as a Sapper subaltern during the Boer War. He became one of Maurice Hankey's assistants in the War Cabinet Secretariat during the First World War. In 1925 he became Chichele Professor of War at Oxford.

Fifty thousand copies of his slim book were sold when it was first published in 1907. It was translated into Urdu for the Indian Army and Spanish for Latin

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suffering of millions, to the reader. Lest we forget. Ein Volk, ein

William Jackson

**DUFFER'S DRIFT** By E. D. Swinton ited by Michael Glover Leo Cooper, £9.95

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#### HEALTH

The contraceptive Pill was designed in the Sixties to be harmless, simple and reliable. How do we feel about it in the Nineties? Ann Kent reports

Pincus, an American biologist, was invited to devise the ideal contraceptive. His sponsors, the Planned Parenthood Movement, stipulated that the new method should be "harmless, en-tirely reliable, simple, practical, universally applicable and aesthetically satisfactory to both husband

> Within a few years Dr Pincus was able to report that he had achieved his objective, and in 1960 the first commercially produced oral contraceptive, Enavid 10, was launched in the United States. Thirty years ago this week it began tests in Britain. using 50 volunteers recruited from family planning clinics in Birmingham. The first British version, Conovid, was officially launched the following year, in October 1961.

The Pill was welcomed not only as the ideal contraceptive, but as a force for the liberation of women. For the first time women were free to explore their sexuality, without the fear of unwanted pregnancy.

Dr Clifford Kay, of the Royal College of General Practitioners, remembers how soon doubts set in. "At first everyone said the Pill was wonderful and had no side effects, and of course that turned out to be nonsense. When we started to evaluate it, one nasty thing after another seemed to turn up. But at the same time we discovered dozens of beneficial effects which were totally overshadowed."

In 1968 Dr Kay set up a study involving 46,000 married women, of whom half were on the contraceptive Pill. Their medical histories have been followed ever since, and regular reports on their progress are published. His own results, and those of others, have led him to believe that in the future the Pill could be promoted not only as the most effective means of birth control, but as an important way of preventing disease.

"The latest research suggests that taking the modern, low-dose Pill actually reduces mortality in nonsmokers. For the very first time, we are able to say that on balance the Pill is good for you," he says. "If, as a doctor, you can combine the Pill with a determined effort to get women to stop smoking, or indeed never to start, we can offer them the most effective method of contraception there is and say it will actually benefit their health."

Dr Carlos Huezo of the International Planned Parenthood Federation agrees: "The Pill has saved a lot of lives, and there is some evidence that women who take it are generally healthier than those who do not. This is a message which family planners need to put

Last October America's cautious Food and Drug Administration changed its Pill recommendations to state: "The benefits of oral contraceptive use by healthy, nonsmoking women over 40 years of age may outweigh the possible risks. However all women, especially older women, are cautioned to use lowest-dose Pill that is

In Britain, the Family Planning Association recommends that the Pill is safe for non-smokers up to the age of 45, although some individual doctors prescribe oral contraception for older women.

Yet despite all this optimism, concern about the Pili rumbles on, fuelled at regular intervals by the publication of alarming research reports. These concern not only the women who are on the Pill now, but the millions who have used it in the past and wonder about lingering after-effects.

Martin Vessey, professor of community medicine at Oxford University and a world authority on the Pill, has drawn on a vast amount of published data to establish a balance sheet of risks and benefits.

He estimates the increased risk of heart attack, thrombosis or stroke among women using the low-dose Pill as between one-and-a-half and two times the normal risk. However, these increased risks mainly affect smokers, do not seem to be influenced by the length of time the Pili is taken, and do not linger after



# Thirty years on the Pill

the Pill is discontinued. In 1988, out of a total of 138,000 women who died of circulatory diseases in England and Wales, only 857 were under the age of 45, and most of them would probably have been advised against the Pill.

Vessey says that taking the Pill for more than eight years may quadruple the chances of developing liver tumours - and the risk probably persists after the Pill is stopped. However, only about 200 women a year die of liver tumours in England and Wales, and very few of them are of childbearing age.

The effects of the Pill on cervical cancer are disputed. Taking it for more than six years may increase the risk by 50 per cent, and that risk may persist after the Pill is stopped. However, abnormal cells in the cervix can be identified and removed before they have a chance to become malignant, provided women have regular cervical smears every three years at least.

The greatest controversy surrounds the effects of the Pill on breast cancer (see the box below). On the credit side, the Pill offers protection against cancers of the endometrium and ovaries - and appears to be protective even after it is no longer taken.

So how do all the risks of Pilltaking measure up against all the benefits? Professor Vessey's balance sheet assumes that a million women use the Pill from the age of 16 to the age of 35, when they or their partners are sterilized, while another million 16-year-olds rely on condoms until the age of 35, when they or their partners are also sterilized. He then estimates the mortality risks in each group up to the age of 50.

According to his calculations, the protective effects of the Pill against ovarian and endometrial cancers will save 1,497 lives. He adds another 131 lives saved by avoiding the hazards of unwanted pregnancy. On the debit side, Professor Vessey subtracts 202 lives lost as a result of Pill-induced liver cancer, and 186 lives lost as a result of heart attacks. strokes and thrombosis. This latter figure assumes that modern Pills

BREAST CANCER - THE GREATEST WORRY

reast cancer is the joker in the pack whenever the Brisks and benefits of the Pill are assessed. Much is made of the Pill's undoubted protective effects against cancers of the endometrium and ovary. But breast cancer, believed by some researchers to be associated with the Pill, kills more than twice as many women as those two diseases combined. It is the commonest cancer among women, claiming

15.290 lives a year in the UK. It is also a complicated disease, and many factors apart from the Pill are known to influence it. If she starts her periods young, avoids pregnancy, and has a later menopause, she will have a higher than average risk of breast cancer. Other risk factors include having a mother or sister who has had the disease, especially before the menopause; certain types of non-malignant breast disease; and delaying first childbirth beyond the age of 30.

However, it is hard to avoid the fact that a number of studies now suggest that women who start taking the Pill under the age of 25 are at greater risk of developing breast cancer while still in their thirties. At a time when market research suggests that seven women out of 10 in the under-24 age group choose the Pill as a method of contraception, breast cancer is a serious concern.

Clair Chilvers, senior epidemiologist at the Institute of Cancer Research, believes that young women should take a cautious approach to the Pill. Ms Chilvers was one of the authors of the UK National Case Control Study, published last year, and one of several to reveal a link between breast cancer in young women and the use of both high and low-dose Pills. Chilvers advises any woman who started the Pill under the age of 25 and has been on it for more than four years to consider another method. "It may well be that after considering it, she decides that she wants to carry on with the Pill, and that is fine. My advice is erring on the side of safety."

Troubling questions remain. Are the unfortunate women who get breast cancer early simply suffering an acceleration of a disease which would have occurred anyway? Or will the same group of women continue to show increased levels of breast cancer as they age? The Pill users of the Sixties tended to be older when they started the Pill, and to stay on it for shorter periods. This means we will need to wait until the year 2000, when the young Pill users of the 1970s reach the menopause, to know the answers. Sir Richard Doll, an authority on disease patterns, has said he has no doubt that four to five years' use of the Pill does increase the risk of breast cancer under the age of 35 by 60 to 70 per cent. He also feels, on the basis of evidence gathered so far, that there is no increased risk of breast cancer in women who are now aged 45, who took the Pill many years earlier; but that there is uncertainty about the risks faced by women now aged between 35 and 44. Further research is needed.

predecessors of cardiovascular discase - an assumption justified by the latest research, and the fact that high-risk women are now much less likely to be given the Pill.

The result is that 1,240 more people would be alive in the Pillusing group at the age of 50 than in the condom group.

However, this optimistic picture assumes that the extra breast cancer which some researchers have found in young female Pill-takers simply represents an earlier manifestation changed so much over the of a disease which would have occurred anyway. It also assumes that the higher risk of cervical cancer among Pill users is caused by differences in their lifestyle rather than by the Pill itself.

To cover these objections, Professor Vessey has produced a second calculation in which he assumes that the Pill really does produce a 50 per cent increase in cervical cancer mong women who use it for more than six years, and that it really does produce an extra risk of breast cancer in young women. This would involve an extra 1,075 lost lives, virtually cancelling out the savings made by the Pill against ovarian and endometrial cancers and unplanned

pregnancy.
However, there is one last scenario which must be considered the risk that the carcinogenic effects of the Pill on breast tissue will continue as the woman ages. This would lead to a loss of 4,157 lives by the age of 50, leaving the Pill balance sheet with a debit of well over 3,000 lost lives. The evidence collected so far, though, does not support this worst-case scenario.

So where does all this leave the individual? We need to remember that the Pill is still the most effective method of contraception, virtually foolproof if taken every day. Al-though Pill users do need regular medical check-ups, it does not need to be fitted, unlike an intra-uterine device. It does not require accessories, such as spermicides, as the diaphragm does. And unlike sterilization, it is a reversible method which leaves the woman

free to have children in future. In an age where people worry (or should worry) about sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection, the condom would seem to be the ideal method. But according to Rosemary Kirkman of the National Association of Family Planning Doctors, a survey of 200 condom users revealed that nearly half of them had experienced a condom bursting or slipping off in the previous three months. "You may understand our reservations about relying on condoms for contraception where there is a need for high efficacy," she told a conference at the Royal Society of Medicine

he dangers of the Pill should also be compared with life's other hazards. Several years ago a chart the chances of death as a result of Pill-taking with death as a result of other human activities. It was based on data collected from the higherdose Pills, but even on these it was found that a female non-smoker under 35 has a two times greater risk of dying in the home, a four times greater risk of being run over, and an eight times greater risk of dying in childbirth than she has of being

killed by the Pill. If she is a smoker under 35 her risks from the Pill are three times higher than dying in the home, but still less than the risks of driving a car. Most women, of course, do have a choice about contraception, whereas they may feel they cannot avoid the risks of motoring, crossing the road, or giving birth. Whether they are prepared to take the additional risk involved in using oral contraceptives is an individual

All this analysis can seem coldblooded to the Pill user, or worried ex-user. The suspicion creeps in that millions of women have been part of a vast medical experiment — and that men rather than women have ultimately benefitted. They, after all, have had the sexual freedom without the fear of side effects.

# In pursuit of perfection

ne of the problems which has dogged research into the Pill is 21-day course of the Pill the fact that the dose has intake. years. The first Pills, used in advent of oral contraceptives the early Sixties, contained containing only 20 mcg of oestrogen. Unfortunately, 150 mcg of mestranol (oestrogen) and 10mg of these are not suitable for norethynodrel (progestogen).

At the end of 1969 doctors were asked to ensure that women used combined oral contraceptives containing not more than 50 mcg of oestrogen. As a result, vast numbers of them switched brands. From the mid-Seventies women started to switch again, this time to the new "low-dose" Pill, containing 30 mcg or 35 mcg of oestrogen. These are still the type prescribed to the vast majority of Pill-users.

The Seventies also saw the arrival of the progestogenonly Pill (Pop) — sometimes known, confusingly, as the mini Pill. The research which has been carried out suggests that it could be the safest Pill

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THE PAST

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1969: a million British women on the Pill. The Family Planning Association mandates its clinics to advise single as well as married clients.

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unexpected discovery to be 1989; the Pill is still the preferred method of seven out of 10 women under the age of 24. and four out of 10 in the 25 to 29 age group.

#### BETTER THINGS TO COME

The next decade should bring us methods with all the Pill's advantages but none of the side effects. Walli Bounds of the Margaret Pyke Centre in London, a senior researcher into new birth control methods, believes many problems have arisen because the Pill has to be taken by mouth. When a pill is swallowed, it is absorbed from the gut wall into the portal vein, from where it passes into the liver. Part of the hormone dose is then inactivated by the liver enzymes, while the remainder is circulated via the bloodstream.

Mrs Bounds explains: "Our research has shown that one woman, taking exactly the same Pill as the next, can end up with 10 times more hormone in her blood. This explains why some women suffer side effects while others do not, and why a very tiny minority of women get pregnant even though they are taking the Pill properly." She believes the future lies with finding different ways of getting the Pill hormones into the bloodstream, such as skin patches impregnated with hormones which pass through the skin and into the bloodstream, and hormone-loaded polymer rings to wear in the vagina.

Malcolm Pike, professor of preventive medicine at the University of Southern California, believes that the lessons learnt the hard way from the Pill could be used to save lives in future. "The Pill has taught us that if you manipulate hormones in a particular way you can achieve an amazing reduction in cancers of the endometrium and ovary. Somehow we need to understand how to use the same hormones to achieve a reduction in breast cancer."

### **Paradise** found and lost

For 200 years, since the day when Fletcher Christian and his Bounty mutineers landed at Pitcaira, a community has flourished on the remote Pacific island. At one time the

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numbers grew so that the island could scarcely support them. Today there are just 49 islanders and the viability of the population is in question. in The Times on Saturday Michael Brooke, recently returned from a seven-week visit, reports on life on Pitcalen.



# Making old bones younger A shelf carefully positioned by a middle-aged couple may well be out of reach of one or both of them by the

time they reach old age, for the loss of bone density, and with it stature, strikes men as well as women. Both sexes can take general measures regular brisk exercise, a calcium and protein-rich diet, the avoidance of smoking or alcohol in excess - 10 lessen the likelihood of becoming bent and frail, but for women, who suffer more often than men, there can be the added precaution of taking hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Bone density in women is partly dependent on their oestrogen level; as it declines around the menopause, so the bones

become brittle. The decision to take HRT involves balancing the risks of its side effects against its proven advantages, which extend well be-

vond a reduction in the fracture rate. Few doctors would fail to prescribe HRT for a women who has had an early menopause, possibly after a hysterectomy, for in these cases arteries as well as bones are hazarded by oestrogen lack; but conversely most would be reluctant to recommend it to a woman who has a strong family history of cancer of the long-established mammography breast and nodular bosoms. In (breast X-ray) service is already there.

#### MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

tremes, balancing the equation becomes more difficult, but in every case HRT has to be tailored for the individuaL The Princess Grace

Hospital in London is to start just such a bespoke tailoring service for women. The Osteoporosis and Menopause clinic will, when established, be run by a multi-disciplinary team; Dr Jean Ginsberg, an endocrinologist, Dr Clive Bartram, a radiologist, and Dr Hedley Berry, a rheumatologist. A

raphy. This measures bone density very accurately, but with only minimal exposure to radiation, so that repeat examinations can be carried out either to monitor progress of treatment, or to detect sudden changes in bone density which can occur in a woman even though previous measurements were acceptable. The X-ray examination is very simple, and takes only 30 minutes. There are no injections, no suspending the limb in icy water, no ghastly gruels to be drunk or injections survived: the patient does not even need to undress.

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### Scanner race

For the past 15 years buying a scanner has been the objecuve of a thousand and one local fund-rais-

ing activities. The scanner which the Round Table generally hopes to provide for the community is the CAT scanner, which is dependent on the use of X-rays. Recently the advantages in some branches of medicine of using an MRI scanner, which relies upon magnetic resonance, has become apparent. It gives better definition than a CAT scanner, and the patient is spared

even small doses of X-radi-

proved excellent for detecting small intra-cranial tumours; it can make a definite diagnosis in early cases of multiple sclerosis, and spinal disc lesions can be accurately localized in the acute stage without uncomfortable. or occasionally hazardous. X-ray procedures. In orthopaedics the inside of a knee joint can be seen without even the disruption caused by an arthroscope - loose or split cartilages in the joint torn ligaments and foreign bodies are all revealed. Hips and shoulders, 100, can be explored without invasive sur- tling effect might well be on gery. Dr Brian Kendall, horse racing Already the winners, and which would consultant neuro-radiologist at the National Hospital for

tages have to be weighed outlay on an MRI scanner is high and maintenance very expensive. The other disadvantage is that in some patients the scanning could induce claustrophobia, for noisy tunnel for up to 15 minutes at a time. The use of the MRI technique is spreading beyond medicine. It is adept at analysing wine, and has enabled EC inspectors to monitor the sugar content of Beaujolais: but its most starphysical stamina of small always be a waste of trainers' animals have been assessed by time and owners' money.

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nuclear physicist before he became a doctor, is now working with an American team to translate this knowledge to horse racing. In theory it should be possible to build a giant scanner to predict which horses had the right muscle composition to make

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#### LONDON

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THE MERRY WIDOW: Heavy-handed ction for Opera 80; Heather Lorimer and the young cast work hard to salvage some sem nce of style. Corn Exchange, Ipswich (0473 215544). Tonight, Sat. 7.30-10pm, £6.50-£9.

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DIE FLEDERMAUS: Revival of Scottish Opera's fun production by Simon Callow. Watch out for George Mosley's Orlofsky. Empire (as above). Толютом, 7.15-

THE BARBER OF SEVILLE: Welsh National's harum-scarum production by Glies Havergal with Kate McCarney and Anthony Michaels Moore. Carlo Rizzi Apolio (as above). Tomorrow, 7.15-10.30pm, £8-£27.

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Around the World in 80 Days, Michael Palin.

The Harrogate Secret, Catherine Cookson ..

Source: Hatchards, 187 Piccadilly, London W1

production which nevertheless overstretches its young cast. Corn Exchange (as above). Fri, 7.30-10.15pm, £6.50-£9.

LA FORZA DEL DESTINO: Scottish Opera's powerful new production in which John Maucerl conducts with Verdi's original prelude and final scene. Empire (as above). Sat, 6.45pm, E5-£8. Theatre Royal (as above). Tues, 6.45pm,

DER ROSENKAVALIER: Weish National's traditional production by Wolfgang Weber is conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras in Oxford and Andrew Greenwood in Southampton. Apollo (as above). Sat, 6.30pm, £8-£27. ver. Southampton (0703 229771). Wed. 6.30pm, £17-£24.50.

DER FREISCHUTZ: Weish National's dark Weber revival by André Engel's, conducted by Anthony Negus. Mayflower (as above). Tues, 7.15pm,

### DANCE

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SPRING LOADED: Action Syndicate offer a female view of cricket (tonight-Sat, 8pm). Liz Ranken and Phil Griffin perform a "mini-musical" by John Eacott (Frl. Sat. 10pm). Kim Brandstrup's Peer Gynt is his first long work (Tues, Wed, 8pm) (see feature, P.16). The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 26, jate shows 25.

LONGEVITY: Gary Lambert's new duet for Rambert Dance Company is based on Martin Luther King. Sedier's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916). To-

night-Set, 7.30pm, £1-£14. SCOTTISH BALLET: Two works by Balanchine, and Petipa's Paquita.

Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm, £3-£17. New Theatre, Hull (0482 226655), Tues, Wed. 7,30pm

£5.5Ò-£15. NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable's Giselle at Poole; a mixed bill including Liaisons Amourauses and Lioizzager at Cardiff

Towngste Theatre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, 27-211. New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). Tues, Wed. 7.30cm. £5.50-£12.

CAREFUL AIM: European premier of American dancer David Dorfman. RSAMD, 100 Renfrew Street, Glasgow (041 332 5057). Tonight, Fri, 7.30pm, 25. SWANSONG: Christopher Bruce's grip-

ping dance drams and other works for English National Ballet. Connaught Theatre, Worthing (0903 35333). Tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm, met Sat 2.30pm, 28, met 26. Arts Theatre, Cambridge (0223 352000). Wed, 7,30pm

LA TRAVIATA: London City Ballet open a week at Sadler's Wells with André Prokovsky's dance drama on Dumas's story and music by Verdi. Sedier's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), Mon-Wed,

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# Story carved from suffering

tress Camille Claudel and her tragic love affair with Auguste Rodin are the subject of a new production, Make Me a Statue, by Victoria Worsley (pictured here) and Caroline Ward. Trained with Philippe Gaulier and Monika Pagneux, they founded the women's theatre company Tattycoram in 1986 and have built a reputation for challenging and unconventional work. Co-written by Ward, the piece is performed solo by Worsley. Claudel's re-lationship with Rodin produced some of Europe's most famous sculptures. When it ended after 10 years, although she continued to work, she smashed her work in fits of destruction and became a recluse, living in squalor. Her family had her committed to a lunatic asylum. Letters she wrote to her family revealed her inner torment and confusion. The piece draws on elements from horror movies, black comedy, slapstick and opera. Ward says that it "is very much about her as an artist, and her and Rodin ... it's not a blamey piece." The setting has Charlotte Malik's immense white sculpture copies of Rodin's "Balzac" and "The Thinker" in a dark foreboding room, the moving figure in white, with white wig and body paint. ICA, The Mall, London, SW1 (01-930 3647). Tonight to Saturday, 8pm, £5.60 (£1 day membership). Kari Lloyd

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Albert Helf., London, (01-589 8212). Tues, 7.30pm, £15, £25. ROYAL BALLET: Re-opens with Darcey Bussell in Prince of the Pagodas. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240)

1066). Wed, 7.30pm, £1-£41. CARIMINA FLAMENCO: Spanish Dance Company headed by Mariano Torres. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Wed, 8pm, £5-£17.50.

#### - --- READINGS Cris Cheek

THE POETRY SOCIETY: Top "Liverpool poet", Brian Patten, reads from his new book *Grinning Jack* (tonight); Ed Dom and Natan Zach: Dom's *Gunslinger* is one of the most challenging, downright enjoyable and achieved long poems to come from the US in the past 25 years. Alongside Israel's Blatik prize-winner (1981) (Tues).

The Poetry Society, 21 Earl's Court Square, SW5 (01-370 6829). Tonight, 7.30pm; Tues, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£2 concs),

STEVEN PINILOTT: Discusses Sunday in the Park With George. Lyttelion Theatre, South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tonight, 6pm, £2.50.

THE VOICE BOX: Mountaineer and post. Andrew Greig, whose The Order of the Dey is a Poetry Book Society spring choice (tonight). Deborah Randell and John Sewell in New Voices series (Wed). The Voice Box, Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (01-928 8800). Tonight, Wed, 7.30pm, £2.50 (£1.50 concs).

ICA: Michelle Roberts talks to Late Show presenter Sara Dunant about her new novel, in the Red Kitchen, based on Cook (today); Christopher Priest in discussion with Nigel Floyd over his latest novel, *The Quiet Woman* (Tues). ICA, The Mail, London SW1 (01-930 3647), 1pm, £1.80 (plus £1 day

MICK INLAH: Mainstream acclaim for Birth Marks, his début collection, pub-lished last year. Beeston Library, Foster Avenue, Beeston, Nottinghamshire (0602 255168). Tonight, 7.30pm, £2.50, (£1.50

HEXHAM: "Venga Hacemos Una Fiesta": poetry and music for Oxfam's Central America benefit week (tomorfrom Zimbebwe (Mon). Queen's Hall Arts Centre, Beaumont Street, Hexham, Northumberland (0434

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF EMILE ZOLA: A one-day seminar for Zola aficionados, following the formation of The Emile Zola Society

Queen's Hotel, Norwood, Nr Crystal Palace (Information: 589 5211). Sat. 10am drinks, 11am seminar, £3.50. THE HARD EDGE CLUB: This week

features Ian Gideon, Lea Kendrick (visiting from California), Lindsay Macrae (vising from Carlothia), Lindsay Macraey (ex-Angels of Fire), Harry Powell, Tony O'Blimey, MC Jo Cairo (Professor of Physical Linguistics, Penge University). The Red Lion (upstairs), 20 Great Windmill Street, W1 (01-791 0121). Mon, \$20ex 50 ED ED Common of the Power of the Powe 8.30cm, £2.50 (£1 concs).

FERENC ASZMANN: Energetic, sharp and pithy poet performs his own rants den Lambs, Barons Ale House, Comeragh Road, W14 (01-741 5523).

DOCTOR S.W. FREEMAN: Scottish iter and critic discusses 18th century Edinburgh post Robert Fergusson.

Poetry Association of Scotland, 27 George Square, Edinburgh (031 334 5241). Wed, 7.45pm, £1.

#### PERFORMANCE ART Ghislaine Boddington

true performer and witty and sharp writer. Annie Griffin gives an evening to laugh at and be challenged by. T&C2, 20-22 Highbury Comer, London N5 (01-700 5716). Tonight 7.30pm and 10pm (late bar), 25 in advance, 26 on door. Until April 19: weekly perfor-mances Tues-Thurs.

ABOUT DIVERSE WOMEN IN TIME: Last events of a week of strong women performance artists and film makers, teaturing Jane Parker, Tina Keene and Hannah O'Shea's "interception/intercassion", looking at Irish identity and gender. Film and video progamme 10am-6pm daily in video studio.

Community Arts Centre, St Peter's Square, Lancashire Polytechnic, Preston (0772 201201, ext 2468). Today 2pm, tomorrow 2pm and 8pm, £2.50 (£1.25

YOKO ONO: The Branze Age: Objects and films. Exhibition of objects, wall texts and stills of her film and perfor-mance work of the Sixtles and new bronze works and participation plecas. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-748

GLORY WHAT GLORY: Inertia Real. Exploring ideas that history is continuously rewritten - two astonauts surge towards the earth they left 30 years ago. The Green Room, 54-56 Whitworth Street West, Manchester (061 236 1677). Tonight, 8pm, £3.80 (£2.80 concs). ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 3647). Tues until March 31, 8pm, £5.60,

(£4.60 concs), plus £1 day membership. RIVCA RUBIN AND COMPANY: Ring o Roses. Three people battle it out in a forest of roses shifting between the dream and real. The Green Room (as above). Tomorrow, Sat 8pm, £3.80 (£2.80 concs).

MIME TRESTLE THEATRE COMPANY: Executive Stress. What starts out as a mundane day's work in the "wonderful plastic toy company" turns into an adventure of epic proportions. (see Southampton and Northampton) Also meso. Masks, music and a modern re-working of commedia dell'arte all set on a huge place setting in an Italian restaurant. (see Glasgow) The Gantry, Blachynden Terrace,

Southampton (0703 229319). Tomorrow, 8pm £4.50 (£3.50 cones). Northa Arts Centre, Booth Lane South, Northampton (0604 407544). Sat, 8pm, £4,50 (£2.50 concs). Tren Theatre, 63 Trongate, Glasgow (041 552 3748). Tonight-Sun, 7.30pm, £5 (£2 concs). BLACK MIME THEATRE: Rainbow. Broad look at schizophrenia and the s to it in the bla Little liford School Theatre, Browning Road, Manor Park, London E12 (01-478 8024). Tonight, 7:30pm, 22 (21 concs). Most Community Centre, Leicaster (0533 625705). Tomorrow, 7:30pm, 22.50 (21.50 concs). West End Centre. Aldershot (0252 21158). Sat, 8pm, £3.95

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#### CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's selection of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

#### **NEW RELEASES**

ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of A Guy Named Joe with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth. Plaza (01-497 9999).

CELIA (15): Powerful Australian portrait of a rebellious child in & restrictive society. Striking debut by director Ann Turner. Cannon Tottenhum Court Road (01-636 6148) Metro (01-437 0757) Odeon Kensington (01-602

CONQUEST OF THE SOUTH POLE (12): imaginative Scottish version of Manfred Karge's play about unemployed youths finding new hope through fantasy. Electric (01-792 2020).

WEEKEND AT BERNIE'S (12): Rough-and-ready black com about yuppies trying to hide their boss's demise. Andrew McCarthy, Jonathan Silverman. Odeons: West End (01-930 5252) naton (01-602 6644/5) Swiss

Cottage (01-722 5905). ENCOUNTER AT RAVEN'S GATE (15): Muddled science-fiction from young Australian film makers, with some decent visual effects. Cannons: Cheisea (01-352 5096) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Prince Charles (01-437 8181).

#### CURRENT

**♦BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY** (18): Dynamic anti-Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone, with Torn Cruise ent as paraplegic Ron Kovic. Camden Parkway (01-267 7034) Cannons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Empire (01-497 9999) Gate (01-727 4043) Screen on the Green (01-226 3520) Whiteleys (01-792 3303).

CINEMA PARADISO (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies. Curzon Maytair (01-465 6665).

DANCIN' THRU THE DARK (15): Willy Russell's thin but boiste cus comedy-musical set in a Liverpool

dance hall. Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096) 6148) Warner (01-439 0791) sleys (01-792 3303/3324). **ODRIVING MISS DAISY (U):** 

Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman) Accomplished, endearing. Cannon Shattesbury Avenue (01-836 8861) Minema (01-235 4225) Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366) Warner (01-439 0791) Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324).

A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Donald Sutherland wakes up to apartheid's horrors. Powerful thriller from André Brink's novel. zon West End (01-439 4805).

THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS (15): Highly diverting fireworks between a blonde singer (Michelle Pfeiffer) and two cocktail planists (Jeff and Beau Bridges). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697).

**♦FAMILY BUSINESS:** Curate's egg comedy-drama about a family of crooks (Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman, Matthew Broderick). Carnon Panton Street (01-930 0631) Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011) Camden Parkway (01-267 7034).

♦ GLORY (15): Edward Zwick's impassioned salute to the black Americans who fought in the Civil War; powerful performances. Cannons: Chelses (01-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avanue (01-836 8861).

• HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS (U): Minuscule children battle through their garden to safety. Engaging special-effects romp.

Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Cannons: Panton Street (01-930 0631) Chalses (01-352 5096) Heys (01-792 3303/3324).

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA (15): Lorca's play about a widow and her six daughters; fine acting, but tedious cinema. Premiere (01-439 4470).

JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): Passion Play trouble in Montreal. Obvious but elegant sature from director Denys Arcand. Renoir (01-837 8402) Berbican (01-638 8891).

LIFE AND NOTHING BUT (PG): The emotional aftermath of the First World War, sensitively explored by director Bertrand Tavernier. Premiere (01-439 4470).

PARENTHOOD (12): Ron Howard's episodic heart-warmer about family life. Steve Martin heads a sterling cest. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999).

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ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). ♦ RENEGADES (15): Yough cop and bad boy team to rescue a sacred indian spear. Lame thriller, starring Kiefer Sutherland. Cannons: Haymarket (01-839 1527) Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Street (01-636 0310).

♦ SEA OF LOVE (18): Cop (AI Pacino) and murder suspect (Ellen Barkin) fall in love. Atmospheric, Cannons: Baker Street (01-935 9772) Oxford Street (01-636 0310) Plaza (01-497 9999) Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705) Whiteleys

(01-792 3303/3324). **♦ SHADOW MAKERS (12): Roland** Joffé's compelling account of Oppenheimer (Dwight Schultz) perfecting the atom bomb; Paul Newman towers on the sideline: Empire (01-497 9999) Cannons

Fulham Road (01-370 2636) Oxford Street (01-636 0310). ♦ STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Female gossip and tears Down South. Overly-sentmental, though some performers please (Julia Roberts, Olympia Dukakis). Odeons: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Cannons: Cheisea (01-352

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Phoenix (01-883 2233). ♦ TROP BELLE POUR TOH (18): Gérard Depardieu toys between his wife and mistress. Skilful satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742) Lumiere (01-836 0691).

♦ THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Exhausting black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Odeon Leicester Square (01-930

♦ WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Romantic comedy with a brittle touch. Meg Ryan, Billy Crystal. Cannona: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Piccadilly (01-437 3561) Odeon on (01-602 6644/5 Whiteleys (01-792 3303/3324) Warner (01-439 0791).

#### IN REPERTORY

NATIONAL FILM THEATRE (01-928 3535): Joseph Losey's brooding melodrame Eva; Cruise and Newman in Scorsese's The Colour of Money.

RITZY (01-737 2121): Ichikawa's dazzling period drama An Actor's Revenge.

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#### TELEVISION & RADIO

# A mixed bag of detectives

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

• TECX (ITV, 9.00pm) is made by a British company, Central Television, based in Birmingham and Nottingham, and concerns a detective agency, based in Brussels, set up by an Englishman and an Italian. They are assisted by a German (played by an Austrian actress) and work for a law firm run by a



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Founders of TECX: Rob Spendlove (left) and Urbano Barberini (ITV, 9.00pm)

Frenchwoman. The only thing missing from this transparent attempt to boost Central's overseas sales is an American element, although Jenny Agutter (who turns up next week) lives in California. For all its cosmopolitan pretensions. however, TECX is largely studio-based and, establishing shots of Brussels notwithstanding, has a dislocated feel. Tonight's story has our sleuths investigating an oil tanker fire which looks suspiciously like an insurance fraud. The plotting is predictable and the dialogue full of phrases such as: "Suspicion is not enough, find me some evidence". The putative villain is Dutch, although whether this will help sales in The Netherlands must be a moot point.

 A 10-part series on the enduring legacy of ancient Greece, Greek Fire (Channel 4. 11.30pm) warms to its theme with a mixed bag of references, from the Apollo space rocket to the town of Sparta, Wisconsin, and Freud's Oedipus complex. A meandering and sententious commentary is brought down to earth by the contributions of academics including Sir Kenneth Dover and Professor George Steiner. The programme should be on firmer ground from next week when it begins tackling specific topics, such as ience, religion, politics and war.

An intriguing 40 Minutes film, Many Happy Returns! (BBC2, 9.30pm), is about two children who claim to have had a previous life. Nicola, from Yorkshire, insists that she was once a boy and describes in authentic detail playing with a dog by the railway track. Titu, a six-year-old from India, says he was ; married with two children and ran a radio shop. The programme follows up both stories and finds a surprising amount of corroboration.

 Small Objects of Desire (BBC2) 10.10pm) charts the rise of the answerphone from the two-and-a-half hundredweight monsters of the early 1950s to today's slimline models. It seems that many of us, confronted by a tape, still freeze and fail to go through with the call. It's called technophobia.

6.00 Ceefax.

6.30 BBC Breakfast News with
Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer.
Includes regular news headlines,
business reports, sports bulletins,
regional news, travel and weather

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information. Paul Calkan reviews the morning newspapers 8.55
Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television. To contribute ring Eamonn Holmes on 061 814 0424.

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9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Pleydays at the Patch Stop (r) 10.50 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Edward Petherbridge with a reading

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11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air presented by Eamonn
Holmes and Jayne Irving
12.00 News and weather followed by
Daytime Live. Alan Titchmarsh visits
Alexandra Palace, the birthplace
of world television, and talks to
Bernard Greenhead, one of the
first engineers to work there 12.55
Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip
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1-30 Neighbours. It is Christmas in
Ramsay Street and Mark and Jane
give everyone a reason to

celebrate; and Henry makes one last desperate attempt to win Bronwyn's affection (Ceefax)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly Introduces the grand final of the European quiz show

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2.15 Film: The Strawberry Blonde
(1941 b/w) starring James Cagney,
Olivia De Havilland and Rita
Hayworth. Romantic comedy set in
the late 19th century about a
dentist who comes face to face with
the man who rivalled him for the affections of a blonde woman 10 years earlier. Directed by Raoul

Walsh
3.50 Charlie Chalk (r) 4.05 New Yogi
Bear Show 4.15 Whet's Your Story?
with Sylvester McCoy 4.30 Dizzy
Heights. More mayhem at Heap and
Wall's seaside hotel, with special
guest Tim Matthews
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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford
and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by
Gary Davide (simultaneous broads

Gary Davies (simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)

7.30 EastEnders. Ian and Cindy are on the move; there is chaos when the Mitchells decide the market must relocate; and at last there is news of Diane (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World, includes a

report on Brazil's efforts to safeguard the future of its sateguard the future of its rainforests, and a look at a new videodisc being compiled by the Department of Transport. With Judith Hann, Kate Bellingham, Howard Stableford and Peter Macann 8.30 Brush Stokes. Jacko meets Lucia's family at her birthday party and agrees to arrange a blind date for her uncle with Veronica, and

Lesley starts work at Elmo's wine bar (Ceetax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather 9.30 Budget 1990. Alan Beith, MP, makes a statement on behalf of the

9.40 Ben Elton - The Man from Auntie. The fast-talking comedian touches on more topical and

10,10 Question Time. Peter Sissons is Ocception Time. Peter Sissons is joined by Lord Bonham-Carter, Foreign Affairs spokesman for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Lords; Sarah Hogg, Economics Editor of the Daily Telegraph; Nichotas Ridley, MP, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry; and John Smith, MP, Shadow Chencellor of the Evohaguer Chancellor of the Exchequer

11.10 Cagney and Lacey. When they investigate a strange death, Mary Beth and Chris discover a pornographic movie in the making. However, Chris does not share her partner's enthusiasm for unearthing witnesses. Starring Tyne Daly and Sharon Gless (r)

#### **TRALONDON**

6.00 TV-am begins with Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Rayner with advice on viewers' emotional problems

9.25 The Pyramid Game 9.55 Thames News and weather.

10.00 The Time... The Place... Anna
Soubry chairs a studio debate on a

topical subject

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes problems facing the over-60s; helping children learn to read; and soap operas. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather. Today's Coffee Time guest is Callan Pinckney, the originator of Pinckney, the originator of

Callanetics
12.00 Find a Family, Shirley Anne Field
introduces Paul and his sister,
Germa, from Yorkshire

12.10 The Riddlers. For the young
12.30 Home and Away. When Fisher
discovers Martin's plans he
cancels the dance; and Sally notices
that Lance is still missing
1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
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weather. 1.30 Wish You Were Here. . ? (r). (Oracle) 2.00 A Country Practice. Australian medical drama series 3.00 Win, Lose or Draw 3.25 Thames News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian drama

4.00 Hot Dog 4.15 The Adventures of Teddy Ruspin (r) 4.40 Press Gang: The Rest of My Life. An explosion at a record shop gives

An explosion at a record shop gives the Junior Gazette the chance to cover a powerful news story (Oracle)
5.10 Blockbusters
5.40 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather
6.00 Home and Away (r)
6.25 Thames News and weather.
6.50 Find a Family. An update on Paul

and Germaa
7.00 Emmerdale. The Tates are
unprepared for the drama which
takes place at the Hunt Ball; and
Nick is determined to make a good
impression on Elsa's mother
(Oracle)
7.30 Science Electrical Make 1

7.30 Science Fiction: Nature's Morphine. The attempts of two scientists in Aberdeen to discover "substance X", a natural morphine produced in the brain

s.00 The Bill: Growing Pains. When Roach, Carver and Dashwood are sent to Investigate a report of an intruder at an electronics factory they discover that equipment on the premises can be used for military purposes (Oracle) 8.30 This Week: Not Militant Just

Angry. A look at the effect the fight against the poll tax is having on the Government's popularity
9.00 TECX: Deep Water. (see Choice)

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10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30
Thames News and weather
10.35 Budget 90. Alan Beith, MP, of the
Liberal Democrats, talks about the

Budget 10.45 The City Programme, Includes a report on the changing face of the brewing industry, and an interview with Norman Lamont, the Treasury Secretary, on the Budget

11.15 01-For London. Includes reviews of Tango and Cash, starring Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell, and Steven Spielberg's new film, Always. Presented by Richard Jobson, Mark Webster and Fiona Adam. Followed by

11.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Meg reports the condition of the Summers children to Child Welfare; and Judy escapes but her plans to get to América are ruined when she receives an important letter

12.40 The Mid-Staffordshire By-Election with Alastair Burnet and John Suchet. There will be live coverage from the Civic Centre in Lichfield when the result is announced

1.10 Contacts presented by Trevor Ward and Josephine Buchan 1.40 Superstars of Wrestling 2.40 Celebrity. The final part of the drama starring Michael Beck, Joseph Bottoms and Ben Masters. At the

height of their careers, Mack, Kleber and TJ are reunit 4.35 America's Top Ten (r) 5.10 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at 6.00

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2.30 Channet 4 Racing from Doncester begins at 2.35 with the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes; 3.05
Raceform Apprentice Handicap; 3.36 Doncaster Mile; and 4.10
Raceford Handicap Book Stakes. Introduced by Derek Thompson, with commentary by Graham Goode, John Oaksey and Jim McGrath.

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers quiz hosted by Richard Whiteley

5.00 Treesure Hunt in Kent (r), (Oracle)

6.00 Neat and Tidy. In the last episode of the series enemies chase Tena and Nick across high seas, but Nick is more concerned with his powers of attraction (r)

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7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Greek Fire: Source — Know Thyself (see Choice)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Six more contestants endeavour to overcome as many obstacles as possible in

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Owen, David Thewils and Diana
Quick. Three friends leave the
north to chase their dreams. Directed
by Beeban Kidron (Oracle)
11.10 Michael Powell. Melvyn Bragg
presents a profile of the film-maker
who died last month (r)
12.15am Film: Fontamera (1980)
starring Michele Placido and
Antonelio Murgia. Drama about a
poverty-striken Italian hill village in
the 1920s. Directed by Carlo
Lizzani, Italian dialogue with English
subtitles. Ends at 2.45

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3.00 Blind Sunday: A teenager attempts
to understand his girlfriend's blindness
4.00 Yog! Bear and the Magic Flight of
the Spruce Goose: Animated adventure
6.00 Date with an Angel (1987): An
angel lands in Michael Knight's pool
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Back to School (1986): A millionaire
(Rodney Dangerfield) joins his son at school
9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
10.00 No Way Out (1987): Kevin
Costner as a naval officer who shares a
lover (Sean Young) with the US Defence
Secretary (Gene Flackman)
12.00 Beyond the Time Barrier (1960):
An army pilot finds himself stranded in a
post-holocaust future world
1.30em Alien (1979): The crew of a
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6.35am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News
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7.00 Morning Concert: Corelli (Concerto grosso in C minor. Op 6 No 3: Franz Liszt CO under Rolla); Monteverdi (Dixit Donimus: Tavemer Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott); Vivaldi (Concerto ir C for mandoline, strings and continuo, RV 425: Parley of Goodman, with Robin

7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Liszt, orch Doppier and Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 2: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur); Brahms (Scherzo in E flat minor); Beethoven (Bagatelle, Op 119 No 6: Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, piano); Schubert (Symphony No 5 in B flat: CO Europe under

8.30 News 8.35 Compo Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season. Stenhammar (Overture, Stenhammar (Overture, Excelsor!, Op 13, 1896; Gothenburg SO under Järvi; Scherzo, Piano Concerto No 1 in 8 flat minor, 1893. reconstructed by Kurt Atterberg: Gothenburg SO under Duton; Florez and Blanzeflor, Op 3, 1891: Swedish RSO under Stig Westerberg, with Ingvar Wixell, baritone: String

9.35 Langham CO under Charles Groves performs Lennox Berkeley (Windsor Variations): Strauss 'Ariadné auf Naxos''):

Op 14) Debus (Cynara: RPO under 10.15 Del Exc Fenby, with Thomas Allen, barnone: Fantasto Dance for orchestra) 10.30 Fine Arts Brass Ensemble performs Henry VIII. Pastime with Good

1.10 James Gibb Plays Schubert (Three Plano Places, D 946)

# RADIO 3

The last of six concerts live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Gyorgy Pauk. violin, and Roger Vignoles, plano, perform Mozarr (Violin Sonata in G, K 301); William Mathias (Violin Sonata No 2, Op 94); Bartók (Rhapsody No 2, Sz 89) Temerlano: English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner, with Michael Chance, counter-lenor. 2.00

(see Choice)
7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra
under Andrew Devis, fed by
Bela Dekany, performs
Sibelius (Finlandia), Nielsen

Quartet No 4 in A minor, Op 25. Gotland Quartet) Sibelius (Suite, Rakastava,

rastme with Good Company: William Mathias (Soundings); Pezel (Three Sonatinas); Adnan Williams (A Tellhard Meditation est proadcest)

11.40 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Leopold Hagor, with Raphael Wallisch, cello, performs Smetans (Overture, The Bartered Brice); Martinu (Cello Concerto No 1); Mozart (Postnom Serenade)

# 1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: The last of six concerts live

Chance, counter-tenor, Nigel Robson, tenor, Derek Ragin, counter-tenor, Nancy Argenta, soprano, Jane Findlay, mezzo-soprano, and René Schriffer, bassand new Summer, bass-baritone, perform this opera seria in three acts, with libretto by Nicola Haym and music by Handel, Sung in

Italian 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Valentine Curningham 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: James Naughtie talks to Luciano Pavarotti

(Symphony No 4 "inextin-guishable"); Sibelius (Symphony No 2). Scandinavian Season 9.10 Music in Our Time: Richard Stelnitz introduces a specia two-part edition. Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez, with Peter Hall, tenor, performs John Buller ds Aquertus, for ensemble and tape); Michael Torke (Adjustable Wrench — first UK

broadcast); Stephen Albert (Into Eclipse, for tenor and this - first LIK proadcast) 10.15 Richard nniz chairs a discussion on the topic of contemporary music's styles and schools, its factions and followings, questioned by the audience who attended this concert. recorded at the 1987 Huddersfield Festival. With composers whose music covers a wide range or say and expression, including Anthony Gilbert, David Bedford, James Dillon, Company of the Pox and ers a wide range of style Stephen Montague 11.00 Composers of the Week: Scandinavian Season.

Bentzon and Larsson.

Op 50); Bentzon (Prano

12.00 News

12.05am Close

onata No 6, Op 90) (1)

Larsson (Pastoral Surta, Op 19; Variations for orchestra,

#### RADIO 4

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9.05 Puters: An opportunity for listeners to report on life's problems, injustices and quirks. With Susan Marting 9.45 Letter From ... Israel: Four talks by foreign correspondents. The BBC's Jerusalem correspondent Gerald Butt on the Arab-

israeli conflict (r)

10.00 News; The Natural History
Programme: Fergus Keeling
and Jessica Holm visit the rare Great Bustards at Whipsnade Zoo 10.45 An Act of Worship 11.00 News; Citizens 11.25 Turbulent Priests: The Rev

Dr Edward Norman talks to four controversial clerics Dr Edward Norman takes to four controversial clerics about the principles and beliefs which motivate them. Part 2: Rabbi Meir Kehane, er of the Kach Party in Israel 11.50 First Person: Series of talks

by first-time broadcasters. The nature of Englishness is retlected on by Persian painter Saadi Haeri 12.00 News: You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm Smiley's People: Seven
part dramatization of John
Le Carré's novel. With Bernard Hepton as George

Smiley (6) (r) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World At One with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray,
Includes a feature on the

to the sport of judo in country: and an item on the ant of the accompanist 3.00 News: Foreign Bodies: Play by Jettrey Wyn Thomas. Getting away from it all along the coast of New Zealand seems to be a good idea. But the wildness of it all can be catching . . . With Melanie Walters as Sandra, Dorien Thomas as David and Peter Dahlsen as

lack of sponsorship offered

4.00 News 4.05 Bookshelf: Mary Wesley had her first novel publish at the age of 70 and has since written one a year.

Nigel Forde talks to her about her latest book, A Sensible Life 4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecas 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Film Star (see Choice) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Indian Summer: Colin
Semper meets Robin
Moussale whose trip to

ndia in 1979 trans India in 1979 transformed his life and that of his family when he met Guru Baghwa Shree Raineesh (s) 8.00 Analysis: New Blood for a New Age. Professor A.H. Haisley assesses the prospects for the next

generation of young people as the UK's population ages 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? The magazine for people with disabilities reports on the fate of the Independent Living Fund; and facilities for disabled travellers at Gatwick airport

9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes

Aargaret Forster on

Kingsley Amis's new book The Folk That Lived on the

Hill: and a review of the Wildcat Theatre's

production of John Brown Body in Glasgow (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.35 The Budget: A statement on behalf of the Liberal Democrats by Alan Beith,

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: The Colour of Blood, by Bnan Moore (9 of 10) 11.00 Exit Lines: Part 2: What Does it Signify? A five part dramatization of Reginald Hill's detective story. With

Donald Gee and Philip

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Open University: Education for Adults - Paulo Freire 12.30-1.10

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#### Peter Davalle

 James Naughtie, whose political interviewer's hat is a good fit, is increasingly exchanging it for one that sits equally comfortably on him, the opera buff's. In Third Ear (Radio 3, 7.05pm), he copes well with the quicksilver personality of Luciano Pavarotti, even though his



Luciano Pavarotti: quicksilver personality (Radio 3, 7.05pm)

tested when he tries to get the tenor to reveal what the "surprising role" is that he savs he has agreed to sing. "I don't tell you!", says the formidable Italian. "I don't describe! It is surprising!" Naughtie persists. Pavarotti resists. "Finito!", he declares with operatic finality, though he has to repeat it three times before Naughtie eventually throws in the sponge. Even more than most of Alexander Walker's previous portraits in Film Star, his assessment tonight of Trevor Howard (Radio 4, 6.30pm) has the dimensions of an essay, elegantly structured and wittily perceptive. Two random examples. Howard's village priest in Rvan's Daughter is represented as "looking somehow barnacled, as if he had been anchored in one place for a long time." And could there be a more definitive judgment on *Brief En*-

counter than Walker's?

middle-class guilt").

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The Czechoslovakian Embassy in London was eager to explain yesterday that President Havel's compatriots were greeting a principle rather than adulating a hero.

If it is possible to lay out a red carpet for an idea, then those compatriots put down enough for a whole school of. philosophy. This was manifested not in flag-waving crowds but in the flood of applications to be at one of his tightly scheduled appearances on his three-day visit. When he speaks to an audience of 700 at London University this afternoon, for example, there will be twice as many who

have been disappointed. Mr Havel, the man, arrived at Heathrow in the colourless English morning at 9.53; Havel, the idea, has been around since the early 1960s, when his plays began to be internation-

By the time the Czechoslovak leader arrived at the main gate of Buckingham Palace to keep his lunch appointment with the Queen yesterday, the waiting throng of his countrywomen said more with the wild brightness of their traditional Slovakian and Moravian costumes than the most articulate of welcome

messages could convey.

Mrs Vera Barker, who has lived in England for 16 years, had come from Folkestone to catch a glimpse of her country's leader. "I don't have the words," she said, but there was all the eloquence she needed in her tears.

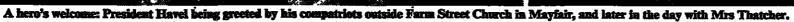
"This man can make people laugh," she said. "After 42 years of communism, he can make people laugh. He is the best President it is possible for us to have. I love his plays, and still I have to say that he is a better President than a playwright. How can he take it in? I don't know ...

Physically, Mr Havel looked tanned and robust, an Downing Street from his audience with the Queen yesterday intellectual scrum half, even if a closer look does reveal afternoon, Mr Havel stopped fatigue-gouged crescents be-neath the eyes. He was off at Farm Street Church in Mayfair, where he was welconspicuously smart in a dark comed, to long and vigourous applause, by a mainly Czecho-slovakian Catholic congregabusiness suit and overcoat, but perhaps not fully at home tion and Sir Bernard Braine, the MP who played an important part in securing his

There are 10 Czechoslovakians in his entourage, including Mr Karel Duda, the Ambassador to London, and his wife, and Mr Alexander Vondra, the presidential

Mr Havel is said to have stitute for Contemporary Art







Royal smiles: The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh welcoming President Havel at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

European Forum last night, here was 22 years ago, when he in 1923, when Masaryk paid a presidential limousine was almost half the pews were came to see a production of visit five years after the empty. "We found out about one of his plays. foundation of the republic. it last month through the priest at Farm Street," said Libuse Burke, who came from Czechoslovakia to live in Engbest kept Czech secrets in land in 1972. "We get a town yesterday; in contrast to newsletter every month, and the packed house at the In-

This time, however, he has

Theatre in Hammersmith.

"It was your Mr Churchill neither the time nor, if the who said something like truth were to be told, the 'Czechoslovakia is a small fardesire to see his Vanek trilogy, away country of which we which is at the Lyric Studio know little," said Mrs Barker.

"Vaclav Havel," she added, The last time a Czech "is showing everyone that this The last time Mr Havel was President was in Britain was is no longer true." By now the

gliding towards Downing Street through Parliament Square putting its occupant within spitting distance of the huge, glowering statue of Churchill which looms crossly

Thatcher plea, page 8 Forum split, page 9

Political sketch

# 'Desperate Dan' pale with anger

Nigel Lawson increasingly resembles a portly version of The Beano comic's Desperate Dan. All week he has been sitting on the Commons backbenches wreathed in a six-o'clock shadow and what The Beano would have pictured as an angry black cloud in a little bubble, just above his head. Something has made him very, very cross.
But it has been a silent

anger. He has said nothing. Until yesterday, when John Smith (Shadow Chancellor) string him beyond endurance. Mr Smith was opening the Budget debate. With his customary double-edged good-humour he congratulated the Chancellor on removing the tax on work-place nurseries "introduced by Mr Lawson in 1985".

This was too much for Mr Lawson. He shook his head violently. "No. Not so!" he grunted at colleagues to either side; and made as if to get to his feet. Then he thought better of it and, still shaking his head, sank angrily back.

I do not know if ex-

Chancellors of the Exchequer have mummies but, if they do, their mummies will have told them to be dignified, rise above taunts, and on no account to get drawn into self-justificatory squabbles about things which are past. But it was no use. Lawson

just couldn't let it go. Repenting his restraint, he now rose, scowling at Mr Smith. "Will he give way?" Mr

Smith did give way. "I at no time introduced a tax on workplace nurseries," he rumbled, in a shouted mutter that has been Mr Lawson's special contrib-ution to parliamentary dis-course. What had happened, he said, was that in his reign the long-standing tax on "benefits in kind" (which no government had repealed) had been interpreted as including workplace nurser-

Mr Lawson sat down again, still pale with anger. Mr Smith rose once more. Oh well, he said, Mr Lawson may not have invented the tax but he never repealed it either. Charged in the first in-

stance with having done those things which he ought not to have done, Mr Lawson now found the indictment altered nimbly in mid-trial to the charge of having not done

those things which he ought to have done an altogether different affair. He shifted irritably in his scat; decided to let it drop, and started taking notes furiously. Or perhaps he was working our his tax position after the Budget? He needn't bother.

He is not in the target group of key voters which Mr Major's measures are designed to seduce: blind, pipe smoking, non-tax-paying working mothers with joint savings of less than £16,000 invested in composite care savings accounts.

Mr Smith moved on to examine a passage in Mr Major's Budget speech which he described as "ominous" and little-noticed, and which on re-reading strikes your sketchwriter as it has struck Mr Smith. "The downturn" (Smith was quoting Major) may be quite sharp.

Every good speech, and many a good novel, contains a passage which is really its soul. It may be quite short, h may not have been the anthor's conscious intention to give it significance. But - hie a centre of gravity - once found, illuminates the rest.

In drafting that passage into a Budget which could be judged to have hung upon it, I think the Chancellor had taken to heart the thought once expressed by a governor of the US Federal Reserve Bank. Economic manage ment, he said, was like miling along a brick on the end of piece of elastic "You pull, and pull, and nothing happens. You give one extra tug and the damn thing flies up and hits you in the face." I remember interviewing Mr Lawson as Chancellor,

just after the 1987 crash. The experts had eyes only for the deflationary horrors of the 30s crash, and my Weekend World research team had primed me to "hit Lawson hard" with the danger of recession and the need to "reflate". He did. The brick hit him.

And now the clever finan cial people have eyes only for the reflationary errors of 88, and are giving Mr Major the opposite advice to what they urged on Mr Lawson.

The Chancellor, perhaps, has had his eye, warily, on a different brick.

**Matthew Parris** 

# York University students' union funds abortions

Free abortions for undergraduates are e york university students' union to bypass queues for National Health service clinics.

The abortions, which cost up to £180, are paid for out of the union's funds, most of which come from the Government via the university block

terday that the policy, which has been operating for two years, is a natural part of its welfare policy but the scheme has been bitterly criticized by anti-abortion campaigners.

Although the news is likely to rekindle the controversy over how student unions spend government grants, the York union is unlikely to have broken the law which merely

insists that funds should be spent on the service every term, but refused to students and not on other people or say how many. organizations,

The union, which has 4,000 mem-

bers, has set aside a trust fund controlled by student officers, so that any woman at the college who wants an abortion can have the operation carried out quickly.

Miss Amanda Cleeman said that a number of women took advantage of

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She defended the policy saying: "It is an extremely traumatic experience for a student to have an unwanted pregnancy. We want to relieve their excess stress.

"We do not encourage students to have abortions, but it is a fact of life. We simply want to help our students,"

ers throughout the British Isles. Showers are most likely in north Wales, north-west England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. They are likely to be heavy and wintry on the hills in north and west Scotland. Northern Scotland will be windy with persistent rain later. Outlook: Becoming unsettled and

# Three die in Romania clashes

night before tanks were British photographer, Mr Kevin Harvey, was beaten and taken to hospital.

Mr Gelu Voican, the Deputy Prime Minister, inspected the area of the fighting and situation and create "a spirit remained. Military sources

brought in to separate them. A streets yesterday morning factories were closed. The presence of the army did not prevent isolated scuffles in the elegant "Square of Roses", where the hard core of almost said he was hoping to calm the 1,000 Hungarian protesters

Thousands appeared in the stabbed and slightly wounded. Mr George Patrescu, secprovisional council, said President Iliescu had promised to come to the town "once the waters have cleared".

Alarm grows, page 9

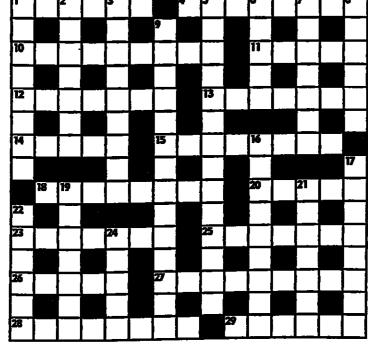
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1 Large lady giving offence - in double Dutch? (6)

4 Pink cheeks seen at a function in the Highlands (8) 10 Girl's price for performance (9) 11 Daily riots in Asia Minor once

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Heward led ditch c. A type of Saxon vanities Auswers on page 20

AA ROADWATCH

a. A tangy herb b. A hig-eared fox c. A swamp drain

h. A plug of tobacco c. A lie

a. An elided vowel

L A square pilaster

b. A square pilaster c. An olive oil flask

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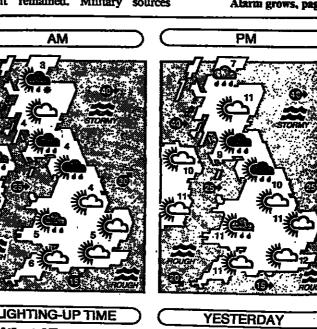
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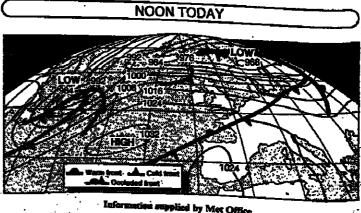
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The gloves are off in Bond

Street. The sustained downturn in consumer spending means that even the luxury

houses staffed by pencil-thin

women in immaculate suits

are feeling the pinch, and the

battle is on for those well-heeled shoppers who think nothing of spending £4.810 on an Elsa Peretti gold bone cuff.

Miss Rosamond Monekton.

managing director of Tiffany

& Co in Bond Street, says she initially thought that once she had struggled to find a suitable

property and opened the Tif-

fany shop three-and-a-half

years ago, she would be able to

sit back and watch the cus-

Miss Monckton's description

Tiffany's latest idea to attract more business is to set up

"The Tiffany Touch," a home

shopping service for those

potential customers who, in

Miss Monckton's words, are

The service will be run by

Mrs Fiona Ward, fresh from

Fifth Avenue where she man-

aged the New York home

shopping service for Tiffany.

The idea is that busy, young,

City chaps will keep some of

their personal stationery at the

shop, along with a list of their

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tomers can telephone their requests and Tiffany will de-

But asicionados of Tiffany

need not fear that the com-

pany is returning to the days

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simply "too busy to shop."

tomers come flooding in. This did not prove to be the case. "It's lethal out there," is

shopping street.

THURSDAY MARCH 22 1990

**Executive Editor David Brewerton** 

THE POUND

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#### STOCK MARKET

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**USM (Datastream)** 

Market report, page 30

#### **BP** 'could help Opec'

British Petroleum and other international oil companies could give financial help and technical assistance to state oil companies in Opec member countries, says Mr Robert Horton, BP's new chairman.

He fears a shortage of oil in three or four years because some Opec countries lack resources to develop reserves.

Horton challenge, page 28

Laporte ahead Profits at Laporte rose 17 per cent to £100 million before tax and exceptional items in the

year to December on sales up a fifth at £617 million. A final dividend up 2p at 10.7p makes 16.5p, up a fifth.

Bowthorpe up

Bowthorpe Holdings lifted pre-tax profits 11 per cent in the year to end-December to £44.5 million. A final dividend of 3.59p makes 5p (4p).

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nd Price Index: 119.5 (January)

# Sterling slips on Budget inflation fear

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

gilts all fell sharply yesterday, in reaction to the Budget, which was seen as having done too little to tighten policy on inflation.

Sterling hit a new low since the resignation of the previous Chancellor of 85.3 on the effective rate index, despite Bank of England intervention. It recovered to close down 0.5

The dollar strengthened after satisfactory US trade figures and the pound fell important \$1.60 level to close 1.65 cents lower at \$1.5945. It was also lower against the mark, closing down ½ pfennig at DM2.7250. The yen weakened against the dollar from Y153.47 to Y154.35, despite the one-point increase in the Japanese discount rate to 5.25

leaving the bellwether threemonth interbank rate 1/8 percentage point higher at 151/2 per cent. Mr Major said he was prepared to raise rates if necessary, but he was "not prepared to react precipitately to shortterm movements" in sterling.

immediate rise in rates but some analysts now believe a rise is more likely than not.

securities house James Capel,

has resigned after policy dif-ferences with Capel's parent,

Hongkong and Shanghai

Mr Quinnen, aged 44, re-

signed and left the Bevis

Marks offices after 18 years

Mr David Dugdale and Mr

James Fergusson, Capel's dep-

uty chairmen, assumed the

roles of joint chief executives.

Mr Peter Wrangham, London-

Directors of

Garston

charged

By Our City Staff

Two directors of Garston

Amhurst, the failed invest-

ment services company, will appear in Bow Street Mag-

istrates Court today charged with conspiracy to defraud.

Mr Christopher Diccon Stockwell Wright, Garston's former chief, and Mr James Demetrius Krekis, were

charged after interviews with

the Serious Fraud Office.

Garston was authorized to sell

only the products of National

Financial Management Corp,

a subsidiary of the TSB. But several million pounds of

investors' cash was deposited.

in an unauthorized account

In the money market, in-terest rates rose as sterling fell,

Markets do not expect an Mr Gwyn Haache of James

and chief executive of the non-executive chairman of the

with Capel after Mr William nen had presented "more than

Purves, Hongkong and Shang- a couple" of prospective blue-

hai's chairman, refused out of chip buyers for Capel at an hand to consider selling it.

attractive price but Mr Purves

£1.3 billion. A poor showing for the Government in the by-election is largely discounted. international background the risk of a rise in rates must now be about 60-40 in favour."

Overshadowed by the fall in the pound and speculation of an interest rate rise, shares fell, leaving the FT-SE 100 index down 9.4 at 2,250.3 by the close. Gilts fell steeply, losing up to £14 as market participants concluded that the Chancellor's references to funding policy could mean some overfunding, involving additional gilt sales in the

Mr Major denied that the rise in forecast levels of inflation meant that full membership of the European Monetary System had been postponed. "It is not a question of whether we will join but when," he said. "When we go in I want it to be a success." Asked if Britain would join this year he said he would neither rule it out nor rule it in.

coming months.

Referring to the size of tax increases, the Chancellor said people had been dazzled by the large Budget surpluses of for 10 years. He denied there was an automatic trade-off between fiscal and monetary policy. "The fiscal surplus is very large and I judge that it is adequate." he said.

Markets are now focusing on today's trade figures and tion. The expectation is for Capel said: "Lack of action in the Budget reinforces our view some improvement on the that sterling is very vulner- £1.9 billion current account

after policy disputes

Mr Peter Quinnen, chairman Group, has been appointed with its research and placing

Neither Mr Quinnen, Capel

nor Hongkong and Shanghai would comment on the record

except for the bank saying that

his departure was "regretted".

Sources close to the pro-

Mr Quinnen was concerned

that if the expected merger of

Midland Bank and Hongkong

and Shanghai is completed,

pased executive director Capel, which has earned an contract, could be about (Europe) of Hongkong Bank enviable position in the City £300,000.

tagonists said that Mr Ouin-

would not look at a deal.

James Capel group.

uinnen quits Capel

The pound, shares and able. Against an unfavourable deficit in January, perhaps to

• German monetary union and a boom in West Germany are likely to make the Bundesbank raise its key lending rates by up to a full percentage point by the summer (writes Colin Narbrough).

Dr Klaus Wieners, senior vice president and chief economist at Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale, said in London that he expected the West German central bank to maintain its "cautious stance" and head off inflationary pres-

sures before they build up. With monetary union between East and West Germany now expected to be finalized by the end of next month, he expected the Bundesbank to raise key rates before the monetary tie-up is implemented in July.

When the Bundesbank last raised its key rates, in October, a wave of rate increases followed across Europe, including Britain. With the pound very weak, a fresh West German rate rise would make it difficult for the British authorities not to follow suit.

Dr Wieners, who accurately predicted the last Bundesbank rate move, said high interest rates would not affect the fav ourable sales and profit situation of West German firms. and share prices would tend to remain stable, or advance.

capabilities, would be run

Sources said he wanted

more commitment from Cap-

el's owner, feeling the only

way to keep turning a profit in

such a tough market is to take

Capel returned to profit in

1989 after two years of losses.

have taken a more cautious

approach to equity stake-

One headhunting firm sug-

gested that the final cheque for

Mr Quinnen, said to have

been at Capel on a one-year

building and arbitrage.

Mr Purves is thought to

more aggressive stance.

down slowly.

#### cancels warrant fund Nomura, the leading Japanese

securities house, has been forced to cancel the launch of its \$100 million Japanese warrant fund due to a slump in demand from institutional

Nomura

The cancellation follows the heavy falls in warrant prices this year. The cancellation is a blow

for Nomura International which is trying to establish a presence in the European asset management market.

This would have been the subsidiary's third European issue, after the launch of the Nomura global fund last December which took in substantially more than its \$100 million target.

Demand in the primary and secondary warrant markets has collapsed since prices started to fall in January. Warrants have since lost an average of 35 per cent of their

Earlier this month Nomura cancelled a \$300 million warrant Eurobond issue for Seiyu Corp, one of many issues which have recently failed to

materialize. The Nomura fund had already been criticized for its adverts, which were titled "more of the rewards for less

of the risks." Investors felt these did not carry proper warnings about the risks of equity warrants, although the bank said that the fund had been intended for institutions rather than retail savers.

A spokesman for Nomura said he did not think the group's standing would suffer from the withdrawal.

"We are still completely committed to the primary and secondary warrant market,"

"It would have damaged our reputation if we had gone ahead regardless. "You don't like biting the bullet, but it gets to a point where you have to."

# Breakfast at home with Tiffany



Offering The Tiffany Touch: Rosamond Monckton outside the Bond Street shop yesterday

# **BAT** tops forecast with £2.04 billion

By Colin Campbell

beaten its own forecast with ing the proposed involvement pre-tax profits of £2.04 billion of Axa Midi in Farmers for the year ended December.

BAT had forecast profits of £2 billion, against £1.64 billion in 1988. Group turnover was £21.64 billion compared

with £17.65 billion. A final dividend of 10.4p a share is payable June 11, making 30p (20.1p) for the year, covered 2.6 times by net earnings of 76.75p a share.

Mr Patrick Sheehy, the chairman, said dealings in Wiggins Teape Appleton were expected to start on June 1.

BAT has spent £35 million in defence costs and £21 mil-

BAT Industries, the diversi- lion in costs associated with fied tobacco and financial services group, which is floating off Argos and Wiggins Teape sed bid for BAT. US Appleton to shareholders, has regulatory hearings concern-

> Group continue. Mr Sheehy said the Budget was, per se, unlikely to have much impact on BAT in 1990.

> A breakdown of BAT's operations in 1989 show financial service businesses, including Eagle Star and Allied Dunbar, contributing £807 million (£442 million) and tobacco interests a record £945 million (£756 million).

Eagle Star has made a £25 million provision to cover the storm damage in Britain.

Tempus, page 24 | in its first year.

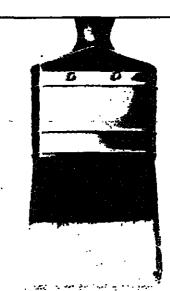
door cosmetics company Avon, "One doesn't have to be a millionaire to open an account." says Mrs Ward, although clearly Tiffany's would like it if you are. Better still if you are Japanese. On Bond Street the word is that the spending power of one Japanese customer is equal to three Arab customers, five American customers or 20 British customers.

The Japanese shoppers at the Chanel boutique in Paris are each limited to buying three of the distinctive quilted handbags because of the demand for them.

make up more than 5 per cent of Tiffany's customers and their preferences are scarves. watches, and expensive modern jewellery.

Tiffany's sales in Britain for the year to February 1990 were £4 million, up 40 per cent on the previous year, and the shop is looking for 20 per cent sales growth this year.

Mrs Ward expects to build up a client list of about 100 and would like the home shopping service to have sales of between £60,000 or £100,000



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### Hammerson holding talks with Rosehaugh

Shearwater has on its books. Shearwater's billion-pound development programme includes proposals for shopping centres at Ellesmere Port, Exeter and at Dartford, Kent, and then transferred offshore. | close to the M25. Mr Bradman underwritten.

These were placed yesterday

# response to 254p.

# By Matthew Bond Mr Godfrey Bradman, chair-man of Rosehaugh, has con-that 96.9 per cent of the shares

erty developer. The talks centre on Shearwater, Rosehaugh's retail development subsidiary. But at this stage the talks are not connected with a sale of Shearwater. Instead it appears Hammerson has expressed an interest in jointly funding a number of the large shopping centres

firmed it is holding talks with had been taken up in the Hammerson, the rival prop-company's £125 million rights issue leaving just 1.94 million to be placed.

Mr Bradman was delighted with the take-up. "We take it

as a tremendous vote of confidence. I am especially pleased because a number of people were seeking to undermine the likelihood of the rights issue being successful." The issue had not been

at an average premium to the 200p issue price of 53p. Rosehaugh shares rose in

# MMC says deal will not reduce competition Bupa's £92m bid for HCA cleared

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

British United Provident Association (Bupa), the private health care group, has been given clearance for its £92 million acquisition of HCA United Kingdom, the British part of Hospital Corporation of America.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission said the merger would not "significantly" reduce competition. It leaves Bupa squaring up to AMI

Healthcare, recently bought by Compagnie Générale des Eaux, of France, from American Medical International, its US parent. AMI has 14 hospitals and four psychiatric units, HCA and AMI sold their British offshoots after leverage

It is at an AMI Healthcare hospital, the Portland, in London, that the Duchess of

York is expected to give birth. The Portland is a "five-star" hospital, but expanded into Spain with a controlling Bupa eschews that approach. Mr Bob Graham. Bupa's chief exec-

utive, said: "You might say we are in the three- to four-star bracket in hotel accommodation parlance - fairly uniform, fairly high standard. Our priorities are a decidedly high

standard of medical care with the latest technology and a quality standard of accommodation. A lot of people do not like to see too much emphasis on things like the haute cursine approach to food because they look on it as an extravagance." The clearance of the Bupa deal should

foreshadow more stability in the private hospitals sector, although Paracelsus, the West German hospitals operator, has

stake in Sanitas, that country's largest health insurer, and is looking at other opportunities on the Continent. In Britain, Bupa is the largest health insurer, accounting for about 52 per cent of the value of health insurance pre-

With HCA's 10 hospitals, Bupa owns a total of 28 private hospitals, or about 14 per cent of all private sector units, making it the second largest private hospital group after the Nuffield charity chain with its 32 hospitals. But Bupa has the largest number of beds.

miums, which stood at £817 million in

The MMC noted Bupa's policy of operating its insurance and hospitals businesses on an arm's-length basis.

### Tibbett & Britten lifts profits 43% to £9m

Tibbett & Britten, the fast-growing food, toiletries and clothing distribution group, boosted 1989 pre-tax profits 43 per cent to £9.06 million on turnover up 47 per cent at £101 million. Earnings per share are up from 15.3p to 18.7p and

the directors have recommended a final dividend of 5.1p (4p), making 7.5p (5.9p) for the year.

The group, part of a £5 million management buyout from Unilever in 1985, is confident it can further expand its market share in Britain during the current year, while also expanding abroad.

#### Hibernian at £13.4m

writing group, nudged pre-tax profits Ir£67,000 higher to Ir£13.7 million (£13.4 million) on premium income of In£127 million (Ir£111 million). The total dividend rises from Ir4.3p to Ir4.8p on a proposed final of Ir3.2p. Earnings per share were Ir15.3p (Ir13.6p).

#### into the red Hibernian, the Irish under- IFICO, the financial services

IFICO slides

group, plunged to a £335,000 loss in the six months to December, from pre-tax profits of £1.5 million last time. Turnover shrank to £1.7 million (£7.3 million) after disposal of Fairview Securities. There is again no interim dividend, on losses per share of 1.04p (2.78p earnings).

### Gabicci down 24%

Gabicci, the menswear distributor, suffered a 24.3 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £644,000 in the six months to December 19, reflecting difficult trading conditions. Group turnover was reduced by 12 per cent to £12.2 million as a

Esult of the downturn in consumer spending.

Earnings per share slip from 4.8p to 3.6p. However, the interim dividend is maintained at 1.4p. Mr Jack Sofier, the chairman, said the group had performed satisfactorily, considering the continuing high interest rates and the current pressures on the retail sector. The shares rose 4p to 45p.

#### Mohair falls to £4.54m

processor and spinner to paper merchant, fell from £5.29 million to £4.54 mil-lion in 1989. Turnover dropped £1 million to £43.5 million, while earnings per share fell from 26.1p to 23.28p. A final dividend of

#### ICI offshoot expects fall

Pre-tax profits at British ICI Australia, the 62.4 per Mohair Holdings, the yarn cent subsidiary of Imperial cent subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries, expects profit for the six months to March 31 to be about half last year's Aus\$88.6 million (£41.6 million). Sales are forecast unchanged at about Aus\$1.49 billion, but profit will decline after a steep fall

# Laporte's successful formula

THE TIMES THURSDAY MARCH 22 1990

approach to business in an industry dominated by capital-intensive production - it buys high-margin chemicals businesses which do not need expensive factories. What these lack in growth potential they make up for in cash flow, which Laporte then uses to acquire new specialist niches.

As a result, profits and

earnings per share have risen at an annual rate of more than 15 per cent in the past five years. Progress in 1989 was in line with the average, with pre-tax profits before exceptional items up 17 per cent at £100 million and earnings 16 per cent ahead at 50.4p.

However, the performance which Laporte's formula delivers is rather better than suggested by the group figures. Laporte, led by Mr Ken Minton, chief executive, has a series of joint ventures with Solvay, the Belgian chemicals group which owns 25 per cent of its equity.

These ventures make chemicals used in bleaches and detergents, a relatively mature market. Indeed, profits, just 5 by only a quarter in the past five years. By contrast, profits from its subsidiaries have nearly 30 per cent a profits before exceptional year over that period.

Laporte's latest acquisition is a good example of its priorities. Earlier this month it paid Brent Chemicals £23 million for Reddish Savilles, which supplies cleaning chemicals. At the time, Brent emphasized that Reddish Savilles' profits were unchanged in four years, while Laporte focused on the point that its profit margins had averaged over more than 22



The right chemistry: Ken Minton, Laporte chief executive, and Richard Dickinson, finance director, yesterday other investors can usefully

The December-end pre-tax

profits, at £2.04 billion (£1.64 billion), topped City expectations — although BAT had

signalled the increased final

dividend at 10.4p to make 30p

(20.1p) - and the group is now on the threshold of what

should prove to be an exciting

For ordinary shareholders, there is the floation of Argos

and, later this year, of Wiggins
Teape Appleton to look forward to, while corporate players will be watching for the
excitement of developments

on the Sir James Goldsmith/

Hoylake front. BAT is grind-

ing its way through US in-

surance commission hearings,

If nothing else, then BAT

and Sir James is still eager.

Lanorte intends to put Reddish Savilles together with its existing cleaning chemicals businesses in Europe, which will allow new product dev-

items rise to £115 million and earnings to 54p, the shares, up 16p at 517p, will be on a propsective p/e ratio of under 10. Given the record and the fact that two-thirds of its profits arise Britain, that is

BAT will be back in the market buying its own shares again now that year-end results are out of the way, and

but probably in better shape - share price, to 179p, despite a in 1990, on the assumption groggy stock market as it came that it will have been slimmed down by demergers.

BAT has some way to go before exhausting shareholders' permission to buy-in up to 10 per cent of its shares, and since it has spent £213 million on the exercise and still believes it worthwhile, more

own-buying is in the offing.

The Budget should be but a blip in BATs' life in 1990, and now that Farmers - which more than covered its financing costs in its first year under the BAT umbrella - is settling down, financial services as a whole should become more dominant.

Tobacco operations turned in a record £945 million at the trading level, up from £756 million last year, with group rigarette volumes rising by 2.1 per cent to outperform world markets' growth of 1.6 per

Year-end gearing was down from 66.5 per cent to 46 per cent, and although a demerged BAT will make this year's profit comparisons complex, the slimmed-down group should be looking at £1.92 billion pre-tax profits this year.

Adjust yesterday's BAT price of 814p for the imputed 115p-120p price tag applicable for the flotations, and the prospective price/earnings ratio of 9.4 still suggests a buy.

#### Bowthorpe

Bowthorpe Holdings is the last to worry about a two-cent fall in sterling — it estimates that
weakness in the pound in the
second half of 1989 boosted shares on a premium rating the year's pre-tax profits by more than £1 million.

Currency was one factor

groggy stock market as it came in with pre-tax profits in line with expectations at £44.52 million, a rise from £40.07

Bowthorpe has made a good living during the last halfcentury out of some unglamorous, not to say obscure, products in the electrical and

electronics fields. The latest product, the screwless terminal block, is an electrical linkage that does not require the time-consuming use of a screwdriver. This is made by one of its two West Germany companies, both poised to do well out of

reunification. The company makes great play of its diversity, with profits split roughly evenly between this country, the rest of Europe and the Americas and with no single customer globally accounting for more than I per cent of business.

Japan is the next target. The shares have suffered from the malaise in the electronics sector - down from a peak of 236p six months ago - and the impact of economic slowdown was apparent from yesterday's figures. Margins are down across the board, particularly in this country, where static earnings compared with a 9 per cent sales increase.

About half the profits rise came from acquisitions, although organic growth traditionally makes an 80 per cent contribution.

for an electronics company of 10 times' prospective earn-

#### Britannic 1) 2111 storms claims at £1.5m

The winter storms have com Britannic Assurance, the Bir. mingham-based insurer, £1.5 million, enough to push its underwriting operations into loss this year.

The company made the damage estimate as it produced its 1989 figures, which showed a 15 per cent rise in net profit to £15.3 million. The final dividend is being raised from 11p to 14.25p. making a total of 20.75p, up a quarter.

Mr Brian Shaw, Britannic's general manager, said the Tessa savings plan introduced in Tuesday's Budget, could create more competition from the building societies.

Britannic, which has a salesforce of 2,200 operating from 250 branches, has been particularly successful in selling personal pensions and won 98,000 customers last year. This helped ordinary premium income rise 35 per cent to £268 million.

The company keeps 70 per cent of its funds in equities. which accounts for its strong performance and enabled it to raise its terminal bonuses by at least 40 per cent throughout. The performance also allowed the company to incease after-tax transfers by 23 per cent to £11.8 million.

In general insurance, underwriting profits fell 15 per cent to £754,000 after a series of large subsidence claims in the third quarter due to the dry summer. The overall net profit rose 12 per cent to £1.85 million due to a strong invest-

# Record Pre-tax Profit £2.04 billion – up 24%

#### PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Year to December

£1=\$1.61 at 31.12.89 (\$1.81 at 31.12.88)	1988	1989	Change 88-89
GROUP TURNOVER	£17,653m	£21,636m	+23%
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£1,641m	£2,041m	+24%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	62.81p	76. <b>7</b> 5p	+22%
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	20.10p	30.00p	+49%

- Financial Services profit rose by 83 per cent to £807 million, after providing £25 million for 1990 storm damage. Farmers more than covered its financing costs.
- Tobacco trading profit up 25 per cent to a record £945 million. Group cigarette volumes increased by 2.1 per cent in world markets which rose by 1.6 per cent. Exports up 16 per cent.
- Continuing Group pre-tax profit up by 30 per cent to £1.71 billion, greater than the pre-tax profit for the entire Group in 1988.
- Demergers of Argos and Wiggins Teape Appleton are proceeding and disposals are on schedule for completion by the end of June 1990.





# World of Leather slumps into loss and cuts dividend

By Melinda Wittstock

The downturn in consumer July of seven leather furniture spending and slump in the stores previously trading as bousing market have claimed another victim in the furniture Leather slumped into the red for the first time.

£2.08 million for 1988 were which at the year-end stood at turned into losses of £88,000 £2.92 million. last year and Mr Ramon Benardout, the chairman, said there is no sign of improvement. The final dividend is the decision to cut the divicut from 3.7p to 0.8p, leaving dend. Earnings per share shareholders with 1.6p for the slumped from 16.8p to 0.8p. year against 4.5p last time.

Turnover, although only marginally down from £23.3 million to £23.2 million, still remains at a disappointing

level, he said. World of Leather, Britain's largest specialist retailer of leather furniture, has halted terest rates fall and conditions

begin to recover. This retailer, which recently opened stores in Croydon and Cardiff, also blamed additional overheads relating to its

£3.5 million acquisition last

which provided World of retailing industry as World of Leather with more selling space when sales were dropping, also converted a cash Record pre-tax profits of surplus into net borrowings, Mr Benardout said the

Leatherland. The acquisition,

group now intends to preserve cash resources, which explains

the joint managing director, said: "We are naturally disappointed by these results but believe that, despite this setback, we are well prepared for the inevitable unturn when interest rates start to fall."

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The company has already saved more than £200,000 by shedding 20 of its 185

Mr Benardout said that the company remains confident about the future of the upholstered furniture market, particularly leather furniture.

# Move to Scotland urged by Rifkind

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Sec- Scottish centres. Unlike some retary of State for Scotland. sought to persuade City in-stitutions to relocate north of the border to take advantage of 200 years of Scottish expertise in financial services and much lower current costs.

Hosting a lunch at Lancaster House in London for 50 bankers and brokers, he said an operation with 200 staff, using 30,000 sq ft of office space, could be as much as £2.5 million a year cheaper to run in Glasgow or Edinburgh than in London.

Staff costs were 30 per cent lower than in London.

Mr Rifkind also underlined that staff turnover, while a serious problem in the Southeast, only amounted to about a base for international I per cent a year in the leading operations.

sectors of industry, financial services have continued to thrive in Scotland, aided by the revolution in telecom-

172,000, or 10 per cent of the Scottish workforce.

He said: "Of course, savings the UK outside London, but it is the availability of a welleducated, flexible and increasingly computer-literate workforce which is proving to be a powerful attraction."

Mr Rifkind said that not only were British institutions showing increased interest in locating to Scotland, but companies were starting to use it as

### De Beers raises rough diamond price 5.5%

rough diamonds sold through billion last year. the Central Selling Organization by an average 5.5 per cent nese retail diamond jewellery with effect from the next sales were 12 per cent higher "sight" this Monday.

The hike is in line with part redress increased mining, the producers. The previous amond jewellery sales. De Beers' rough diamond price rise was 15.5 per cent in

The increase also follows stronger retail demand for polished stones in certain parts of from Israel grew by 8 per cent last year, from India by 12 per cent and turnover in Antwerp

By Colin Campbell, Mining Correspondent De Beers is raising the price of was 17 per cent higher at \$14.6

At the consumer end, Japa-

last year, German sales were 11 per cent up, there was a 21 world inflation, and will in per cent increase in French retail sales and an 12 per cent sorting and valuation costs for increase in British retail di-The financial detail of De

Beers' recent plans to split its operations between South African and non-South African assets - which include the formation of a Swiss holding the world. Polished exports company for foreign assets are expected in April. De Beers shares traded at

# Steetley expands with £92m buy in France

Steetley, the brick and quarry further wharf to the four it group, is consolidating its owns on the Seine. leading position in the French market with the acquisition of Gobitta, the last big independent supplier of aggregates to the Paris region, for Ffr850 million (£92.4 million), to be paid over nine years.

Steetley has spent more than £100 million buying French quarries over the past five years, but Gobitta will be the last, says Mr Richard Miles, Steetley's managing

The move follows Redland's £46 million purchase in January of rail depots in the Paris region and quarries to serve them. However, Steetley's aggregates arrive by barge, and Gobitta will add a

**Units lose** 

£2bn in

value

The slump in world stock

markets wiped nearly £2 bil-

lion off the value of UK unit

trusts last month, even though

sales were higher than in

Sales rose by £49.8 million

to £951.8 million, and net new investment more than dou-

bled to £303.5 million. The value of repurchases fell from

£772 million to £648 million

contributing to the increase.

The total value of funds

under management at the end

of February was £55.2 billion, 3 per cent down on January. Nearly 50,000 unit holder

accounts were closed. The

number of accounts peaked at

more than five million two years ago, but has since fallen to about 4.8 million.

The London gold price fell by \$6.75 to \$391.75 an ounce -

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Steetley will be paying Ffr100 million initially, Fir125 million in June, and a further Ffr200 million 12 months later, with the balance in instalments until 1998. Because of this phasing, Steetley does not expect the purchase to dilute its earnings this year.

Gobitta reported pre-tax profits of only Ffr16.5 million in the six months to August. This gives an earnings multiple in the high 20s for the purchase if the deferred payments are discounted to present values, according to Mr Miles. However, he expects Gobitta's profits to improve.

Although Gobitta's net as- existing French franc borrow-

sets were only Ffr46 million ing facility, at interest rates of last month, Steetley expects about 11 per cent. Gobitta
any goodwill on the ac-would add 4 per cent to its 20 any goodwill on the ac-would add 4 per cent to its 20 quisition to be eliminated per cent gearing at the yearwhen its 150 million tonnes of end. "I don't think that presages the need for a rights valued. Sales are estimated to issue. It is adequately finanhave risen by two-thirds to ceable from within our exist-more than Fir300 million in ing resources."

> Steetley's share of the French aggregates market is double that which it enjoys in Britain. Mr Miles said this was because chances to buy here were very limited as ownership had been consolidated in a few hands for some years. However, the French market was fragmented until recently, which made it easier for Steetley to buy its way in. However, there are not many

# Prestige spot for Potsworth

aggregate reserves are re-

Gobitta produces about 3.3

million tonnes annually,

which will add one percentage

point to Steetley's existing 9

per cent share of the French

market. It will also give the

group a 15 per cent share in the Paris and lie de France

Mr Miles said the purchase

would be financed by an

rapidly.

which is growing



Worth pots: Vivien and Martin Powell, with Potsworth and his cartoon likeness, yesterday

and, at one point, was down by more than \$9 and trading at its lowest since November after world-wide selling. Gold's fall on the back of the continued strength of the dollar triggered stop-loss computer selling, which, in turn, sent other precious metal prices lower.

Platinum was \$13 down at \$487.75 an ounce, although technical factors lifted silver by 1.5p to 318.25p an ounce.

#### Value higher

ne net asset value of La Debenture Corporation, the investment trust that acts as a trustee for securities, rose 31.3 per cent to 428.7p, and pre-tax profits advanced by 25.9 per cent to £4.94 million in the year to end-December. Earnings per share rose by 26.3 per cent to 15.44p. The final dividend is raised to 8.5p (6.45p), making 13.5p for the year, up 32,4 per cent on 1988.

#### Daf warning

Daf, the Dutch van and truck maker floated last year, saw net profits rise to FII71.7 million (£55.7 million) for 1989, from F1147.1 million, but it says that 1990 first-half profits will be down because of economic conditions. Net earnings per share are F15.91 (FI5.17). The dividend is F12,50.

Potsworth, an energetic shown on The Funtastic TVS Entertainment, to disspringer spaniel rescued from World of Hanna Barbera tribute the series throughout Battersea Dog's Home, is Patrol.

heading for sure fame on US syndicated television, thanks to the efforts of his owners whose animated cartoon series. Potsworth & Co. will be seen throughout North America from September (Melinda Wittstock writes).

The first 13 episodes of the Vivien and Martin Powell, average ratings. whose company, Sleepy Kids. Market last July, will be International, a subsidiary of climbed 2p to 31p.

under the name Midnight

The Funtastic World has the highest ratings of all children's programming in the US, and Sleepy Kids will split the take with Hanna Barbera, the cartoon company, which has jointly produced the show.

Mr Powell said a half-hour new series, created by the of the Funtastic World is husband and wife team of worth more than \$50,000 on

Sieens Kids, which last merchandisu was floated on the Third month linked up with Telso

continental Europe, said it would also announce a TV deal in Britain in April.

"We are delighted to get this prestigious slot. Together with the Telso distribution deal for Europe, Potsworth & Co should be sold to all the major world territories within a short period of time," said Mrs

The Powells are also busy tapping the lucrative character The shares, floated at 20p,

#### **Schroders** boosted by water sell-off

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By Neil Bennett

Profits from organizing the water privatization and the Consolidated Gold Fields takeover helped Schroders, the merchant bank, to boost its disclosed profits by 55 per cent to a record £46.6 million

However, it has refused to follow the lead set by Barings last week and reveal its hidden reserves and pre-tax profits. Under EC law, it must publish these by 1993.

It is paying a final dividend of 19p, making 25p, an in-crease of 28 per cent. It is making a one-for-one scrip issue. Schroders acted in 150 merger and acquisition deals during the year, worth £26 billion. This was £5 billion less than the previous year, but profits rose due to success fees from several hostile bids.

The largest deal was Cons-Gold, where it first success-fully defended the company against Minorco and then took part in Hanson's agreed offer. This alone brought in an estimated £8 million. The £5.2 billion water flotation brought in a similar amount, spread over three years.

The bank's asset management division also grew rapidly, with funds rising from £16.5 to £22.5 billion. During the year it overtook Robert Fleming to become the City's third largest fund manager.

The figures masked large write-offs against Third World

debts, but Schroders is now provided against its remaining Latin American loans.

#### **ISE** set to shed **280** jobs

By Graham Searjeant

The International Stock Exchange is to shed a tenth of its jobs in a radical restructuring that will make 190 people redundant, eliminate a further 90 unfilled vacancies and drastically reduce the role of the committees of members of the committees of members of the Stock Exchange council.

The reorganization was the priority of Mr Peter Rawlins, who became chief executive of the ISE in November. It splits the ISE's organization into three functional divisions; primary markets (mainly quotations), trading markets, and settlement services (responsible for the Taurus system).

Many of the jobs lost are in information services, a department which will disappear, while generally, many more jobs are being redeployed.

#### COMMENT David Brewerfor "

# Teenage scribblers set a test for the Major

fund them — and has not been found wanting. With the Bank of England by his side, he stood firm yesterday morning when sterling was unloaded to see whether he would cave in to pressure to lift base rates. He gave no ground as the three-month money market rates waved around 151/2 per cent. And he kept on smiling as the cries of "Mr Softee" echoed around the halfdeserted dealing rooms of the City of

Out there in the real world, north of Finsbury Circus and West of St Paul's, there is no pressure for rates increases, rather the reverse. There is not the same clamour for a strong pound when every pfennig that sterling loses increases the possibility of piercing European export markets. And there is no desire to see an economic strategy outlined on Tuesday afternoon blown out of the water on Wednesday morning.

That is not to say that Chancellors can afford to ignore the young scribes or their paymasters, so often in far away overseas havens where interest rates have not gone to double figures in living memory. In retrospect, I am sure that even Mr Maior is wishing that he could divorce politics from his economics and have been as tough as the market economists would have wished. It is not part of any Chancellor's brief to spend the day after Budget day not only defending its social imperatives but also protecting the currency against his own Capital City.

But the framework is built and Mr Major has little choice but to call the continue to keep his nerve.

ohn Major has faced the test of the teenage scribblers — and those that become both practised and expert. In the first few weeks of his sudden appointment, the foreign exchanges threw rotten tomatoes and piled the pavements with banana skins. He neither slipped nor ducked and, with the help of Threadneedle Street, avoided raising rates.

That is not to say he will be able to avoid the increase this time around. A rise may be the price he has to pay for a Budget which appeared too lax in its monetary objectives to get a grip on inflation. The gilt market seems to have few doubts, although by the close of business early losses of two pounds were trimmed back to £14. If the combined forces of Whitehall and Leadenhall Street can retain the initiative in the face of today's trade figures, a rise in rates may be avoided. But it will be a close run thing and Mr Major's mathmatics leave little room for error, especially in the short term.

If he can manage to weather the next month, industry will have cause to be much relieved. The fickle nature of financial markets, reemphasized again by the cut in jobs at the International Stock Exchange, has caused the penny to drop that there has to be more to the economy than service industries. Manufacturing companies have little to be cheerful about, as can be seen by the prospects of falling earnings and the rising tide of profits warnings. The Budget lacked real investment incentives and the growth forecasts are as

Let us all hope that Mr Major can

### End for secondary debt

A banker, Third World debt provisioning was bound to be a subject close to Mr Major's heart. So with hindsight, it is not surprising that he chose the soap-box of his first Budget to clear up the uncertainty over the tax treatment of Third World debt provisions.

Several bankers had worried that January's delay of the publication of the Bank of Enlgand matrix of recommended provision levels, and the Inland Revenue's subsequent reticence on the subject, meant the Government was preparing a large stick with which to beat the bankers. The more paranoid suggested this as a likely retaliation for

the student loan scheme. They were, therefore, relieved when the Chancellor decided to allow relief up to the matrix levels, and a phased introduction of higher relief.

the banks' refusal to participate in the

Barclays, Lloyds and National Westminster have all provided for about 70 per cent of their debts. In effect, they are excuse which they can take to their

s a former Standard Chartered year interest-free loan, which Mr Major banker. Third World debt estimated at £200 million. While this will hamper cash flow, even that effect is light since the banks will not have to write the cheques until late next year.

The decision is a nail in the coffin, however, for the secondary debt market. Barclays and National Westminster, both enthusiastic sellers, may now be less willing since they can no longer crystalise a capital loss by doing so.

This removes one of the main reasons behind the highly-profitable market. Institutions will still use the market to balance their lending portfolio, but while the debtor nations buy in their debt at the market's depressed prices. liquidity will tighten.

Mr Major's final declaration - that banks could win full and instant relief if they sell the debt to its originator - was his cleverest. Contrary to the pleas of the Brady plan, banks could not until now sanction the direct cancellation of debt since it flew in the face of basic loan recovery principles. Now they have an being asked by the Revenue for a four-shareholder, the taxman made us do it.

# Matthews fishes for change

By Gillian Bowditch

try and meat company, is hoping to find corporate salvation in breadcrumbs and fishes after two disappointing years £135 million. struggling against food scares, high poultry feed prices and a decline in red meat sales.

The company, chaired by Mr Bernard Matthews, has launched two fish products; Golden Fishies, a type of extra crispy fish finger and Sea Pearls, fish kiev.

fish will help to revive the

Bernard Matthews, the poul- group's fortunes. Last stantially in the second half,

The main problem last year was the decline in sales of

The group recovered sub-

year, pre-tax profits fell from after profits down 20 per cent £10.2 million to £9.11 million at the interim stage. The on sales that were static at interest charge doubled to £1.08 million mainly because Earnings per share after tax of heavy investment in plant fell from 5.33p to 4.5p but the and advertising, but the group dividend is up 20 per cent at ended the year with no borrowings and more than £500,000 in cash.

> So far this year, sales are ahead of last year and the increase in the dividend is a measure of the group's confidence in the future. The shares fell 2p to 63p.

#### pork, beef and lamb which fell 6 per cent in Britain. Meat sales at Matthews fell 20 per The company is hoping that cent to about 27 million.

#### Final bell tor THE TIMES CITY DIARY Church

Jerry Church, known as one of the snappiest dressers in the Square Mile - and the only man who never wore an overcoat, regardless of the weather - is to retire from the City at the end of this month. hugely popular figure. Church, aged 59, a senior dealer and one-time partner at Laing & Cruickshank, where he has been for the past 45 years, is throwing a farewell party for his many friends in the City of London Club this evening. He is a very keen squash player, and was one of the five founder shareholders of his local squash club in Brentwood, Essex, Church's wife Gill tells me that he is also going to be spending a lot more time on the golf course from now on, trying to reduce his handicap of 16 to below hers, which currently stands at 14. And, according to his colleagues, the committee at nearby Thorndon Park Golf Club, where he is a member, is "going to wonder what has hit it once he starts getting them all in order." His wife also reveals that apart from the

gan Guaranty in New York.



### The Banker's Lament

Rodney Galpin, former executive director of the Bank of England, now chairman of Standard Chartered Bank, is clearly a man who knows how to get attention when he wants it. Through sheer charm. In response to criticism in *The Times* last week about the \$80 million provision made by the bank on a \$110 million investment — in MiniScribe, a computer peripherals manufacturer — he promptly put pen to paper and, setting something of a welcome precedent for other company chairmen, compased the following: composed the following:
A study of life in the dinosaur age.

A study of the in the attribute our cage.

Gives you the hindsight to rattle our cage.

But what now is skeleton, from a cupboard to bring.

Once was a prize seen fit for a King.

So we learn from the past; and in changing their ways. May not even bankers look in hope for some praise? Your hargepole we'll keep to leverage our hands, As we rise to the heights that your challenge demands.

On parade The Chancellor's wife, Norma

Major, who had previously declared herself "really ner-



photographed on the steps of No 11 alongside her husband, was obviously determined to do her duty on Budget Day, come what may. During the vous" at the prospect of being course of her husband's speech, she was spotted in the public gallery, flanked by their children Elizabeth, aged 18, and James, aged 15. Both children have hitherto been kept almost entirely out of the public eye, but they were clearly well prepared for their father's big day.

Ebgate House, BZW's City headquarters on Budget Day. "He was at the House all day."

#### Z points the way

Fate moves in strange ways, as Phil Cox. the chief executive of financial services-turnedrecruitment agency Burns Anderson, discovered. In recognition of this change in its activities, Z-Seven Fund, an Arizona investment group, has built a 7.7 per cent stake in BA - as well as a 2 per cent stake in rival recruitment group Michael Page — on the grounds that US recruitment firms are valued at up to 20 times earnings, while BA's p/e is a lowly 7.5 times. Other US investors have followed suit, on a word of mouth basis, and Cox estimates 12 per cent of the equity is now is US hands. After assurances by Z-Seven that it is not a predator. Cox is now considering sponsoring an ADR facility. And he is determined to outdo his chum, Glamar boss Stephen Barker - they once worked together at ADT - who, in his previous job as chief executive of Albert Fisher, set the record for the most successful ADR issue ever, with 30 per cent of Fisher shares now held in ADR form. Bookmaker William Hill

reacted to the Budget by shortening the odds on a Labour victory at the next General Election and extending the Conservatives' odds. Labour are now 4-6 to win instead of 8-11, and the Tories have moved from evens to 11-10. According to a spokesman, Hill has stopped taking bets on Labour winning today's Mid-Staffordshire by-election and put Conservative odds at

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 Anyone hoping to spot for-mer Chancellor Nigel Law-son's influence in the scribblings published by BZW chief economist Michael Hughes was disappointed. Despite his reputed six-figure salary for two days a week there, Lawson was nowhere to be seen at

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# Riding the inflation wave

Critics of John Major's Budget

maintain that runaway prices are

the Government's biggest

problem. Rodney Lord,

**Economics Editor**, investigates

The Budget has intensified the focus on inflation. By raising peak in inflation as measured by the Retail Price Index in per cent in the autumn state-Chancellor, has confirmed market fears that things will

worsen before they improve. The response was a steep 7.7 per cent, the poll tax will drop in the pound to a record add just over 1 per cent, low against the mark amid raising excise duties in line concern that he had done too with previous inflation could little to bring down inflation.

Mr Major himself, however, has emphasized that the Budget was one for the medium term and should not be judged by the immediate reaction in foreign exchange markets.

For good measure, he mixed in some uncharacteristic sarcasm about the consistency of City economists' views before and after the Budget. In his judgement, he said, the Budget was a prudent package which would successfully bring down inflation. Fiscal policy was "the toughest for 10 years," though there was not necessarily any trade-off between fiscal and monetary policy anyway. Interest rates would go up if

Time will tell whether the nomic and social adversary higher inflation will be. It used to be said that a little inflation to keep growth ticking over and unemployment down. In the 1960s this seemed to

be true in Britain as the economy expanded rapidly by previous standards and inflation seldom rose as high as 5 per cent. Few people noticed that other economies were the most part had lower inflation or none at all.

It would be difficult now to find anyone who thought inflation beneficial. A low and steady rate of inflation may rising at a low or zero rate.

The inflationary shocks of the two oil price rises in 1974 and 1980 underlined the dam- for more than 18 months. age inflation does both to economic growth and social cohesion, creating uncertainty for business investment and making unplanned transfers of spending power between different sectors of the population. Rhetoric on all sides of the political spectrum now makes the defeat of inflation a top priority.

It would be understandable if Mr Major were inclined to ing their view to near term.

the immediate future, which ment to 7% per cent in the has more to do with one-off Budget, Mr John Major, the increases in prices than with any deterioration in the underlying rate of inflation.

From the present level of add another ½ per cent (they were not raised last year) and the continuing trickle of increases in mortgage rates will also add more. Altogether it is difficult to see inflation peaking at less than 9 per cent, and if things go badly the peak could be nearer 10 per cent.

These increases are not in themselves inflationary quite the reverse. Higher interest rates and higher taxes take spending money out of the economy. There have been similar blips in inflation be-fore, for instance in 1985, from which the trend has recovered. Nevertheless, with inflationary expectations in a delicate state, the sight of inflation heading towards double figures, if only temporarmarkets' fears are justified ity, will do little to improve and, if so, how serious an eco-confidence and could provoke a boost to pay settlements.

More important for the medium term is the underly-Prices rising at 2-3 per cent a will be no further manager at year, people claimed, helped mortgage rates, and by next year there could be cuts, and cuts, and cuts are to bring down the helping to bring down the published rate below the underlying rate. The pain of bringing in the poll tax will have passed out of the annual comparison, as will this year's excise duty increases. As a rethat other economies were sult, Mr Major is forecasting growing even faster and for headline inflation down to 5 per cent by the second quarter of next year and below that level thereafter.

But these changes are fluctuations around a trend. The important thing is to bring not be very damaging to the economy, but in Britain it has seldom been low and steady for long. The governments of all the main industrial counsteadily from about 3 per cent tries new aim to keep prices in mid-1986 to more than 6 per cent now. This has occurred despite interest rates being well into double figures

The Budget contained nothing of substance to persuade people that monetary policy would be operated more effectively in the future than in the past. A new target was set for the narrow version of the money supply, M0, at the same rate of 1-5 per cent as in the current year - that is, one point looser than the previous range of 0-4 per cent for the coming year. Broad money stigate markets for confin- continues to be "taken into account" with no set target.

# City hits at missed

City economists, once descriformer Chancellor, as the lecture scribblers, were largely critical of Mr John Major's first Budget. Their main points follow:

Mr Major's Budget gives the voter the benefit of the doubt at the expense of a firm antidation strategy. The Chancellor has missed an opportunity to reinforce his strategy by tightening fiscal policy a noich, and by giving the financial markets the impression that interest rates will not be raised further except under extreme conditions. Savenon Brothers

There must be severe doubts in the financial markets whether this Budget - the Budget that never was — is tough enough for the job. The same question will no doubt be raised about Mr Major himself. The overwhelming impression he gave during the speech was that he was trying

too hard to be too nice to too

many people. Guldman Sachs

The expected timetable for an interest rate cut has been pushed further out. We do not envisage a significant reduction in rates until late summer. Clearly the Treasury believes the economy is perilously close to recession. If the evidence emerging in the next quarter supports this analysis. the neutral Budget stance will be vindicated. Until such evidence emerges, gilt yields will concentrate more on the short-term deterioration in

Our calculations see inflation moving to 9 per cent before the summer and only coming lown to about 8 per cent by he end of the year. National Westminster Bank

s is a do-nothing Budget. Major is gambling that the

er pace and deliver the econbed by Mr Nigel Lawson, the omic results he needs without undertaking further action. If this gamble fails the Government's electoral chances are Midland Montagu

> The prediction that the headline rate of inflation will stay above 7 per cent at the end of 1990 seems unduly pessimistic and a lower outturn may allow the Treasury to signal an easing in monetary policy in the late summer. We are predicting 12 per cent base rates by the year-end. Hoare Govett

Mr Major missed his first and last - opportunity to hit the economy hard and thus establish his credibility beyond doubt. The penalty for loose fiscal policy may be another increase in base rates. We still believe the economy will suffer a significant slowdown this year, sufficient to deliver a pleasing improvement in both the trade deficit and inflation. Phillips & Drew

"Budget for Savers" Mr Major proclaimed – but not until 1991. He would have loved to have produced a vote-catching Budget, given the Conservatives' appalling showing in the opinion polls. Unfortunately, Mr Major was constrained by the excesses of Budgets past. What is really worrying the markets, however, is the shost of Budgets future. Has the Chancellor done enough to create election-winning conditions?

Credit Lyonnais Securities Laing & Cruickshank

The Budget gives no clear signal to investors that the economic and investment environment will improve significantly in the short term. But the long-term attractions of the market are underpinned by the eventual decline in interest rates and reduced Nikko Securities inflation.



Funding policy is unchanged. This no-change position may not matter. Mr Major is quite right in saying there is "no single lodestar to guide us in monetary policy." It was never likely that Mr Major would do other than repeat the

15 per cent will probably eventually ensure that underlying inflation comes down. meantime that is worrying. The exchange rate is not only an economic indicator, it is

It is what happens in the Government's present pos-also an instrument. A fall in ition on EMS entry, which the pound is in itself liable to amounts to: "Make me chaste be inflationary, quite apart

but not yet." Interest rates at from what it may tell us about monetary conditions. The steep fall of recent weeks, which continued in post-Budget dealing yesterday, is thus likely to generate further inflationary pressure. The 5 per cent fall seen, could, if sustained, raise prices by anything between 14 per cent and

It is also significant that the Government's ambitions ap-pear to have become more li-mited. The goal set for inflation when the medium term financial strategy was invented in 1980 was unequivocal: zero. Nowadays ministers talk of bringing down inflation to "a more tolerable level."

# Why the RPI is still seen as the leading guide

In the Budget, Mr John Major, the Chancellor, had to announce that the inflation outlook for this year, on the RPI measure, had worsened since his autumn statement.

He now expects the inflation rate to rise further from the 7.7 per cent annual rate reported for January before falling back. The Treasury assumption is that the RPI will still be showing 7.25 per cent in the final quarter this year against 5.75 per cent forecast last November.

The Treasury blames mortgage rates, high food prices, and the poll tax for the expected rise.

The RPI measures the average change from month to month in the prices of goods and services purchased by the majority of households. The spending patterns on which it based are revised annually with the help of the Government's Family Expenditure Survey. It seeks to typify normal spending, and excludes expenditure by households with higher incomes and those dependent on state pensions.

A representative selection of more than 600 goods and

The Retail Price Index re- services, from petrol and fresh mains the Government's prin- vegetables to telephone charcipal inflation measure, despite its shortcomings as a Price movements are regularly guide to the economy's health. monitored in 180 towns, feeding about 13,000 separate price items into the index.

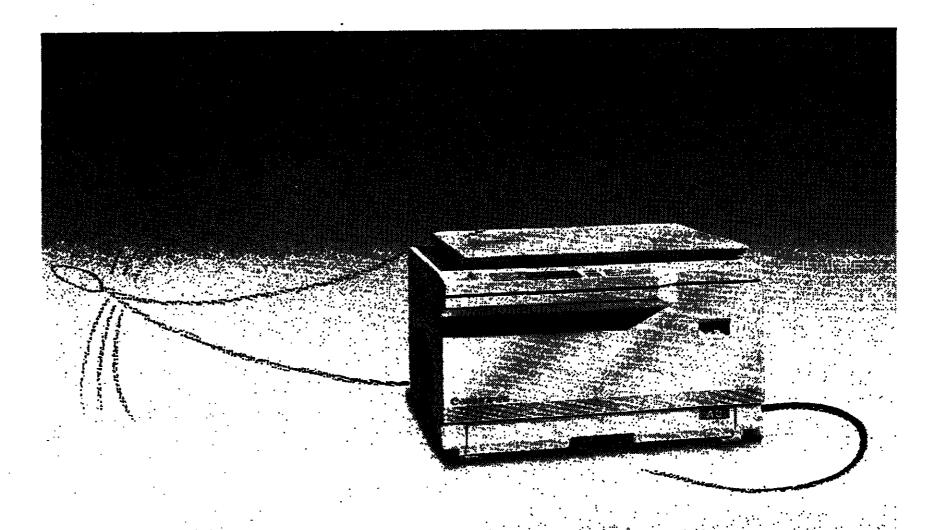
Each category of goods and services is weighted on the index. The main categories are housing - 17.5 per cent, food - 15.4 per cent and motoring expenditure — 1.3 per cent.
Within housing, mortgage
payments are 6 per cent, and rates - to be supplanted by poli tax - are 4.2 per cent.

The great bone of conten-tion is the inclusion of mortgage interest payments, which fluctuate as interest rates move, producing volatility unrepresentative of general price movements

Though the Government complains about this distorting factor, it works both ways. While making inflation look higher during periods of high interest rates, it also makes the year-on-year decline look much stronger as rates ease.

The Central Statistical Office also publishes the "underlying" inflation rate - the RPI stripped of seasonal food prices and mortgage interest payments. Last month, this measure was running at an annual rate of 6.1 per cent for

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# Bond reprieved by £87bn BRL deal

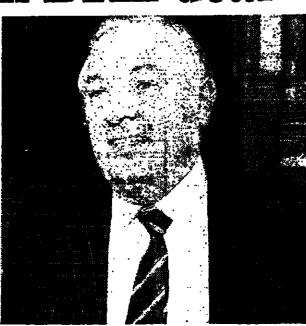
Bond Corporation Holdings Limited has again averted the threat of a wind-up by renego-tiating a deal to sell its Australian breweries to Bell Resour-ces Limited, its rebel subsidary - this time for Aus\$185 billion (£86.8 billion).

The deal was announced yesterday after intense negotiations. BRL will also emerge with 40 per cent of Bond Media Limited BOM, the operation of the national Nine television network. It will pay 40 cents a share (Aus\$85 million) for the stake, trumping a 10 cents a share bid for BOM by Mr Kerry Packer, Australia's richest man.

Bond Corp stands to lose about Aus\$240 million on the proposed deal over the BOM stake. This could rise to Aus\$300 million if its remaining 11 per cent stake is not sold at the same price.

As part of the deal, BRL Won concessions from one of Bond Corp's biggest bankers, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp, to relinquish mortgages it held over BOM shares and also over all its shares in Bond Brewing Hold-ings Limited, owner of Bond Coro's Australian assets.

time the sale of Bond Corp has been negotiated with BRL. In May last year, Bond Corp said



and American brewing assets Supreme to BRL for \$3.5 billion, of Australia. which the Australian brewing interests accounted for \$2.5

billion. BRL paid a \$1.2 billion deposit for the brewery. In December the US breweries were excluded from the deal and the purchase price of the Australian breweries was cut to \$2 billion.

orp's Australian assets.

Last Tuesday was the deadThe deal marks the third line to complete the deal. Failure would have meant BRL would proceed with a wind-up petition it had filed

Third time lucky: Alan Bond, chairman of Bond Corp Supreme Court of Western

BRL would also have been able to serve notice on Bond Corp for the payment of the \$1.2 billion deposit paid on the May 1989 deal. BRL said yesterday it would

apply to the court to withdraw its wind-up petition.

The proposal is subject to the consent of Bond Corp's bankers, led by the National Australia Bank Ltd, which

declined to give its immediate support, and shareholders of BRL, Bond Corp and BOM.

Progress cools at Johnson

Cleaners

By Michael Tate Hot weather at home and bad weather in the United States checked profits growth at Johnson Group Cleaners, Britain's largest dry cleaning

group, last year. Mr Terry Greer, chairman, unveiled pre-tax profits of £18.52 million for the year to end-December, against £16.96 million, but emphasized the contrast between a buoyant first half and a poor second

Summer's heatwave led customers to wear fewer, and more washable, clothes, cutting visits to the 752 British shops. Given the operation's fixed-cost nature, the effect on profits was magnified.

Hurricane Hugo's rampage across the Carolinas, where Johnson has 70 of its 300 US outlets, closed some, damaged many and affected them all. Group turnover for the year

rose 13.5 per cent to £141.1 million, but earnings per share have grown by just 7.6 per cent, to 55.3p. The dividend rises from 23.1p to 25.7p, with the recommendation of an 18.7p second interim.Gearing is about 27 per cent.

Johnson has about 24 per cent of the British dry-cleaning market. Monopolies considerations rule out rivalling the Compass bid for Chairman plans to take oil company right to the top

# Horton faces the BP challenge

By Graham Searjeant

Two days after axing 30 per cent of British Petroleum's head office managers, 60 per cent of central staff posts and three-quarters of its committees, Mr Robert Horton, the new chairman, was feeling relaxed and ready for his selfappointed challenge of making BP the most successful oil company if the 1990s.

The savings from head office (after a one-off cost of about £60 million) should give him a head start in advancing BP's financial success. Together with the savings from comparable cuts at BP Expioration (the upstream business) and BP Oil (the downstream refining and distribution), they should eventually boost last year's £1.7 billion profit by £300 million a year.

Like many industrialists of his generation, however, Mr Horton sets off in relatively uncharted waters in trying to move a huge business ahead instead of making it slimmer and fitter. He has given himself almost a full ten years.

He starts with a company that has consciously gone back to its roots. The process will be symbolically completed when BP's head office returns, selfconsciously, to Sir Edwin Lutyens' old Britannic House, where the chairman's octagonal table and 1910 Persian carpet will surely look more

There is still a little matter



Creating value for shareholders: Robert Horton of BP of \$2 billion of coal and other from the four core businesses: assets — Mr Horton habitually oil production, distribution, talks in dollars and wants chemicals and the unprofit-

talks in dollars and wants more US shareholders which remain on the block. "I am not interested in chasing growth or size for their own sake but in creating value for shareholders," says Mr Horton, "I am determined to maintain dividends in real

Growth must also come

terms and hope to do a bit

into any areas we are not in today, so long as I am chair-

able assortment of enterprises grouped as BP Nutrition. "I am completely opposed to any form of diversification

man. BP is to be driven by the businesses themselves." The target is equally precise. BP is now established as one

Exxon will remain the top players." That leaves BP in a long-standing dilemma. It depends more heavily than its rivals on production — about 55 per cent of operating profits from on-going activities - but its prime Alaskan and North See

fields are mature and wasting On the distribution side # BP rates as one of the top three, it is decidedly the weakest, with few positions of market leadership round the world outside the Sobjet Mid-West heartland.

Mr Horion sees plenty new opportunities to replace reserves. "Gas is very, important; the world has not yet grasped the full implications of the fact that produces only half the from burning coal and two

The oil shortage predicts for 1993-94 by BP and some oil analysts, which Mr Horto thinks will raise prices to led than \$25 per barrel, could also offer opportunities for a pa-turn to old glories.

H He said the world was

bound to become more dependent on Opec oil. BP also an possibilities in developing of and especially gas, suppli from the Soviet Union.

Mr Horton sees BP's food moving downstream, have got to get ourseives to the number one position in of the world's top three oil

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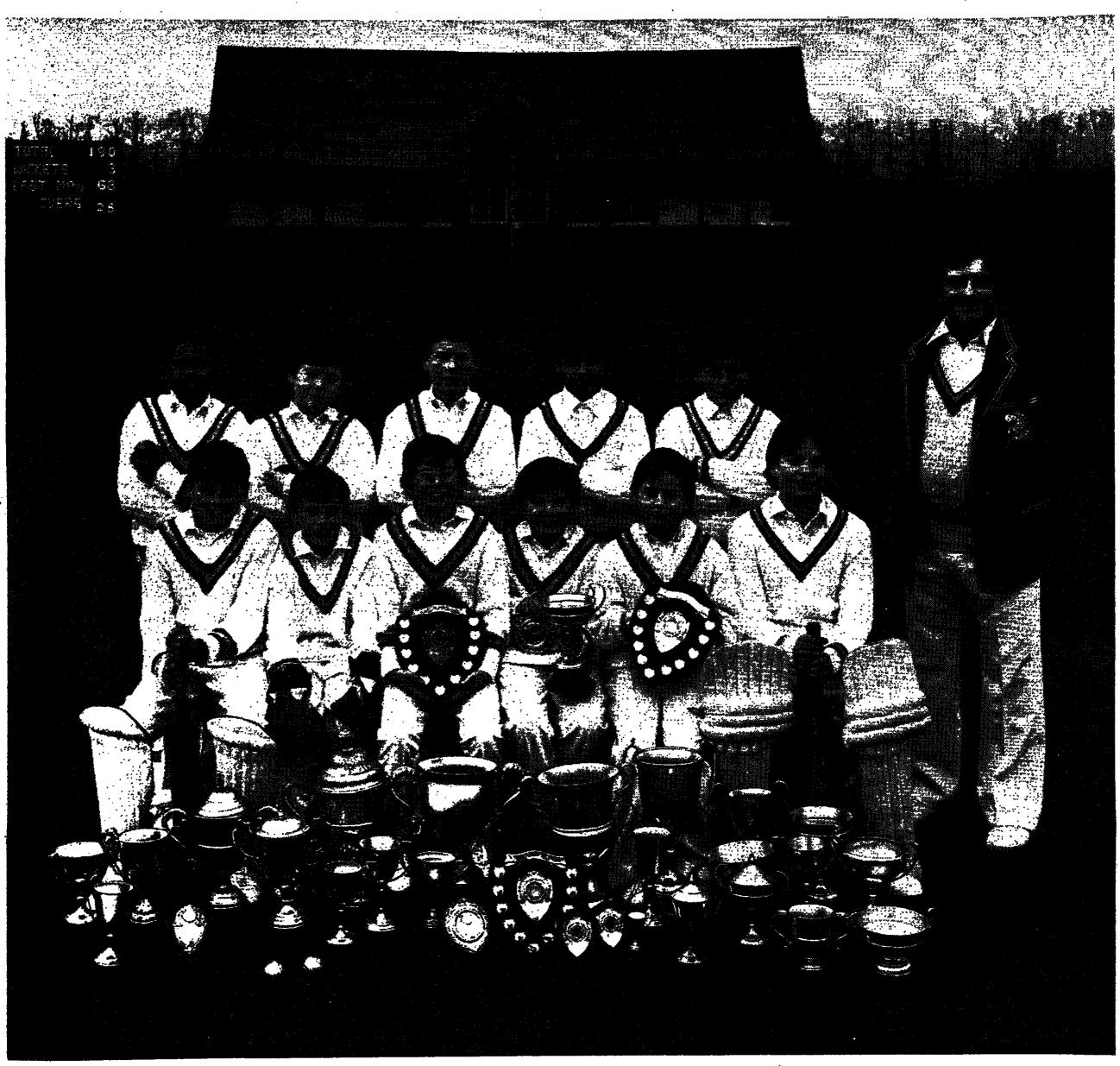
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Meyer International, 2p lighter at 356p, Wolseley, unchanged at 285p, Amec, 3p down at 428p, John Laing, 1p lower at 286p, and Taylor Wooden 40 off at 265p.

Falls were seen in Barratt

Developments, 4p to 179p, Costain, 3p to 269p, Country-side Properties, 3p to 226p, Rush & Tomkins, 8p to 125p, and Tilbury Green, 5p to

and Tilbury Group, 5p to

42p, helped by a buy recom-mendation from Kleinwort

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the shares have fallen far

enough and appear good value

group, eased 1p to 143p after

making a profits warning. Bodycote fell 10p to 202p on

the news that the recent fire at

its Supercraft (Garments)

subsidiary headquarters would result in a shortfall in

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GWR, the independent radio broadcasting group, fell

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stemming from last year's

merger with CRH. Confirma-

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Nobo, the office equipment

on an asset basis.

Ferranti advanced 3p to

Woodrow, 4p off at 265p.

# Share prices suffer as interest rate fears grip the market

change market put the skids under share prices.

A sharp markdown saw the FT-SE 100 index tumble by almost 30 points in thin trading. It later rallied strongly -helped by Bank of England's attempts to halt the slide in sterling and the steady start to trading on Wall Street - to close only 9.4 down at 2,250.3. The FT index of 30 shares ended 6.2 lower at 1,771.4 on a turnover of 444 million shares. Dealers reported some selling by fund managers who were tidying up their port-folios as the first quarter draws

The prospect of another rise in interest rates sent government securities again reeling. At one stage, losses stretched to £2. By the close, the fall had been reduced to £1%.

BAT Industries eased 2p to 814p, despite reporting full-year figures ahead of forecasts with pre-tax profits up from £1.64 billion to £2 billion.

Brewery shares attracted selective buying, still relieved at the lenient treatment in the Budget with just extra 2p on a pint. Grand Metropolitan advanced 16p to 583p ahead of a visit by brokers to its US operations at the weekend. Allied-Lyons also firmed 2p to 437p, Bass 3p to 910p, Scottish & Newcastle 1p to 292p and Whitbread A 2p to 374p. mess also rose 4p to 670p ahead of full-year figures today which are expected to show a rise of 30 per cent in taxable profits to £670

Renishaw

rises 52%

to £5.4m Renishaw, maker of pre-

cision tool measuring devices

has reported a 52 per cent rise

in pre-tax profits to £5.4

million, in the half-year to

Earnings per share rose by

48 per cent to 9.54p. The interim dividend is up 43 per

Tullow ahead

Tullow Oil had pre-tax profits

of Ir£189,929 (£185,115) for

1989. Turnover was Ir£1.5

million (Ir£2.05 million). It

lost In£405,032 in 1988,

including Ir£953,746 written

off for new venture appraisal

costs. In 1989, these fell to Ir£62,707. There is no

Arcoelectric saw pre-tax profits slip from £612,940 to £217,225 last year, on sales of

£9.8 million (£10.1 million).

The total dividend remains 0.96p on a final 0.48p pay-

Shorco, the surveying equip-

ment company, took pre-tax profits to £965,000, from

£690,000, in 1989. Sales rose to £6.2 million (£4.8 million).

The total dividend remains

Trevian Holdings has sold its

estate agency business to its management. Mr David Cof-

fer, managing director of Dav-

is & Coffer, is paying £1

**Profits slip** 

Shorco up

4.5p after a final 2.5p.

Trevian sale

cent to 2p (1.4p).

dividend.

rates and the pound's plight the distillers who had to overnight on the foreign exchange market put the distillers who had to stomach a rise of 54p on a bottle with Highland falling 6p to 207p. The increase in duty on cigarettes and cigars also left Rothmans International B 5p lower at 639p.

The banks spent a quieter day as the initial euphoria arising from the alterations to the rules governing tax relief on bad debts began to fade. Barclays fell 6p to 567p, Lloyds 3p to 285p, National Westminster 2p to 342p and Midland 5p to 338p. Standard Chartered, the international banking group which reported a drop in profits this week, suffered a hefty fall but managed to reduce the loss to Ip at

the trend, climbing 7p to 687p. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is soon to publish an important review of Retrovir, the group's anti-Aids drug, which has been dictating the fortunes of its share price during the past few years. BZW declined to reveal the details of the report but continues to recommend to its clients overweight positions in the shares.

Carlton Communications fell 21p to 694p as the row about patents for its Paintbox graphics system continued. Last month, the High Court granted an injunction on the Paintbox patent against Electronic Graphics, which is headed by Mr Mike Luckwell, a former Carlton managing director, who charged Carlton with abuse of monopoly. Carlton said the charges were

Last year, Cariton fought off

From Lulu Yu, Hong Kong

Jardine Matheson Holdings

gave a much-needed boost to

the Hong Kong stock market

by announcing higher-than-

expected net profits, which

soared 42 per cent to HK\$1.58

billion (£125 million) for

45 per cent to HK\$2.95. The

company is to pay a final

dividend of 74 cents per share,

making a total of 95 cents, up

The figures, which were

lifted by an extraordinary gain

of HK\$534 million from the

closed at HK\$26.30, up HK\$1

in a buoyant market which

saw the Hang Seng index

finish 46.89 points higher at

Mr Henry Keswick, chairman, described the group's

performance as "outstanding"

and expressed optimism ab-

out 1990. "The current year has begun encouragingly and

while it is too early to make

any earnings prediction, we remain confident about the

prospects throughout the

He said the political turmoil

in China last year had caused

Hong Kong," but business attractions of the colony re-

The group's subsidiaries, Jardine Pacific and Jardine

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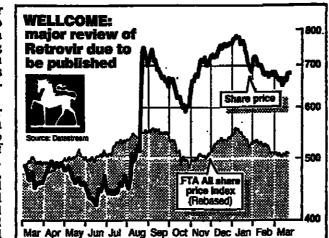
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a challenge to the patents from Avesco, a rival company. Carlton received costs and damages totalling £1.6

Trafalgar House fell sharply but managed to recover some of the lost ground to close only

lose ground, falling 16p to 702p in the wake of a profits downgrading by UBS Phillips & Drew this week. UBS cut its forecast by £10 million to £320 million, blaming "sig-nificant problems" on the lighting side.

Morgan Stanley, the securities house, has started its own grey market in the shares of Argos, the highly-rated retail chain which is being demerged from BAT Industries. Morgan opened dealings at 210p in a market of 100,000 shares. The price fell to 205p in the wake of the Budget, but Mr Nick Bubb, Morgan's retail analyst, thinks the right level is still 210p. He says that Argos is the best thing to enter the retail sector in a long time and he met the company yesterday.

3p lighter at 331p. Hoare Govett, the company's broker, has downgraded its forecast of pre-tax profits for the current year from £300 million to £285 million and by £20 million to £315 million for 1991. Hoare blames the downturn in the residential and commercial property markets and lower margins in its

Jardine Matheson lifts

market with £125m

Worries about higher interest rates continued to denress the building sector. But BZW has had a change of heart. It is now taking a bullish two-year view and expects the sector to outperform in the run-up to the general election. It says a Labour victory would not neccessarily be bad news and recommends buying those companies with exposure to the European market which is Thern EMI continued to

starting to be hit by the downturn also lopped 13p from Capital Radio at 160p. Michael Clark

# figures from S&F

end-December.

Meanwhile, operating profits from the core building supplies business fell by 31.7 per cent to £1.77 million.

Earnings per share rose 16 per cent to 9.4p. The final dividend is 2.5p (nil), making 4p (lp) for the year. Sharpe & Fisher's shares lost 4p to 75p.

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# Slump hits

By Philip Pangalos

The severe downturn in housing building took its toll on Sharpe & Fisher, the building supplies group, with pre-tax profits rising below market expectations by 11.7 per cent to £2.91 million in the year to

# Frankfurt prices rise 1.5%

continue. None the less, anprices. Euphoria about developments in Eastern Europe continued to drive some stocks higher. The DAX index profits soon. The Dow average fell by closed 29.16 points higher at 1,937.99 — just below the day's high of 1,940.20.

Dealers said the index would probably rise above its record of 1,957.74 this week, if it could clearly break through the psychological barrier of 1,940.00. It could then rise quickly to the 2,000 level. New York - The Dow Jones industrial average rose

ending a four-day rally that saw the Dow's value rise by ● Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index rose 46.89 (1.63

more than 3 per cent. per cent) to 2,926.92. The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 29.88 to 1,922.96. Hong Kong's resilience to both Tokyo's plunge on Mon-

Mar 21 Mar 20 midday closs

Frankfurt (Reuter) — Shares by 5.63 to 2,744.37 at the start surged by 1.5 per cent in lively of trading. Shares generally trading as the market responded to higher bond trons that profit-taking would prices. Furthering should determine the start day and Tuesday's weaker wall Street improved sentiment, creating strong buying in the afternoon. Tuesday's weaker wall street improved sentiment, creating strong buying in the afternoon. Tuesday's weaker wall street improved sentiment, creating strong buying the start day and Tuesday's weaker wall street improved sentiment. rose to HK\$1.29 billion (£102

alysts said that short-term million) from HK\$932.32 million on Tuesday. Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index closed 8.3 lower nearly 17 points on Tuesday. at 1,587.7. Shares drifted to a weaker close in thin and

lacklustre trading.

Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose 8.14 to 1.572.19. Prices closed firmer on selective buying support and bargain-hunting after a day of quiet trading. • Tokyo - The market was closed for a public holiday.

# Paying for Budget

Someone will be paying for this week's Budget generosity to savers. It may be you if you do not read Saturday's Family

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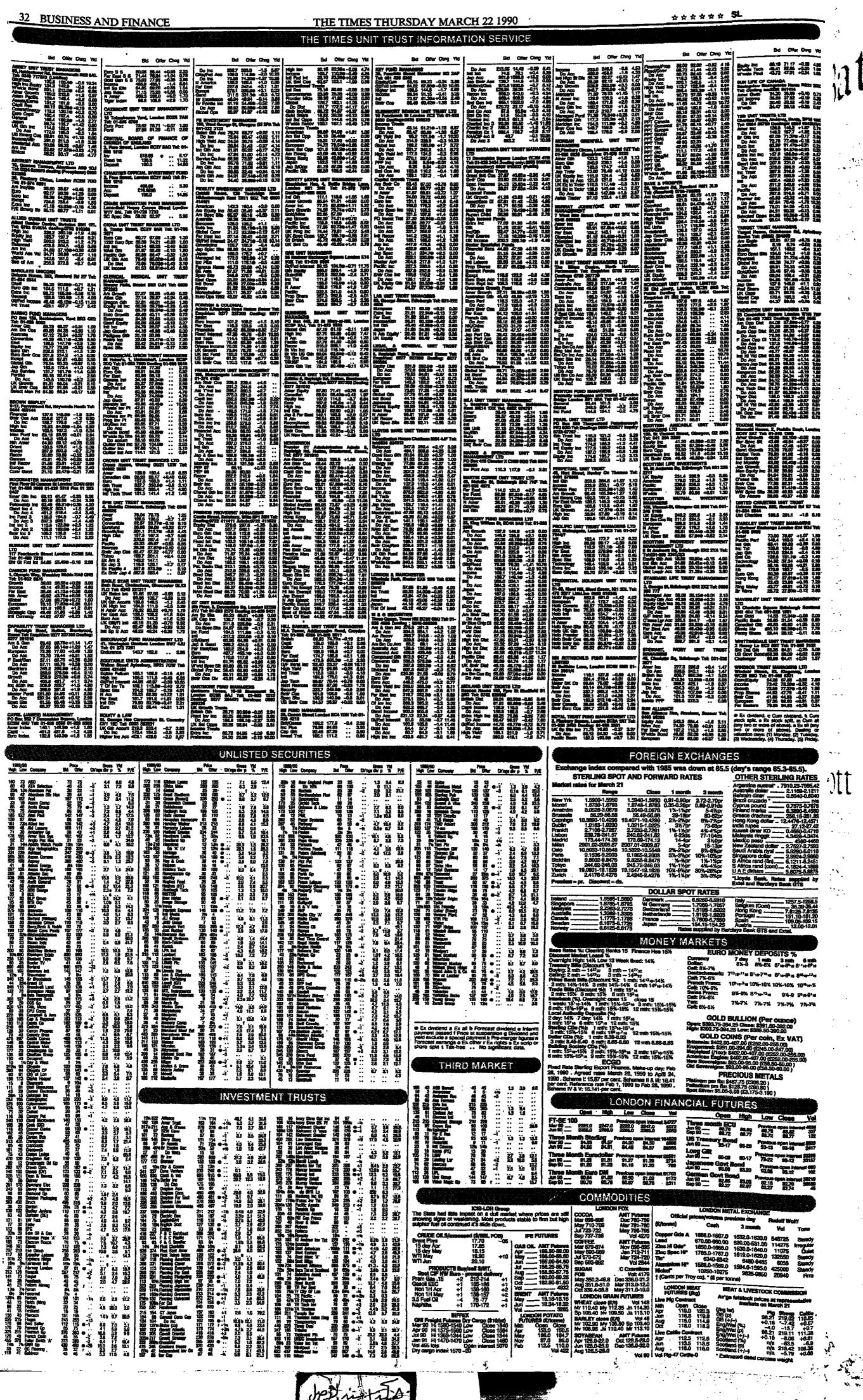
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Next month an anti-terrorist device goes on trial at Gatwick. Nick Nuttall and Chris Partridge describe the

systems that have followed Lockerbie

uring the next month a concrete bunker will take shape in the baggage handling section of Gatwick Airport. It marks the start of a project involving a £600,000 multi-ton American-made machine that will check every piece of luggage for bombs using a sophisticated irradiation technique. The device bathes the baggage in low-energy neutrons to detect any trace of

It is just one of a host of security techniques in which companies are trying to interest airports and airlines. They include taking video pictures of all passengers, their baggage and passport details, a tunnel through which passengers would have to pass, and concealed video cameras, installed on air-craft, that could provide crucial

information during a hijack.

The installation of a thermal neutron analysis (TNA) machine at Gatwick will mark the beginning of a long-awaited Government-backed trial of the technology that has finally got the goahead more than a year after the explosion on Pan-Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie.

The machine, which will be on a 12-month trial with BAA, for-merly the British Airports Authority, and the Transport Department, should be able to identify conventional bombs and plastic explosives and divert suspect baggage from the main conveyor belt into a special holding bay.

The Gatwick trial will be the basis for deciding whether similar machines should be installed at other international airports in Britain. A rival system developed in France is about to be installed at Charles de Gaulle Airport, Paris.

The new and complex TNA systems are expected to be far more effective than the X-ray machines and metal detectors now used by airlines to search for hidden bombs.

The neutrons - heavy subatomic particles - emitted as a mist by the TNA, interact with organic materials and produce characteristic gamma rays, which are picked up and analysed by computer.

They have the advantage that they are not fooled by ploys, including moulding the plastic explosive into a shape such as that of the sole of a trainer shoe.

The machine's limitation is that it can be fooled by innocent materials loaded with nitrates such as some varieties of woolly jumper, especially if it is set sensitively enough to detect all explosives.

national, Florida.

Dr Tfahi Gozani, the company's chief scientist, says that despite the machine's high initial costs, it can pay for itself in a year

ing those which are cleared from those which are uncleared. It can detect the type of explosive and the size to 100 per cent security if you are prepared to accept large numbers of false alarms."

The Gatwick trial will be watched closely by scientists at the Atomic Energy Authority's Harwell Laboratories, who are design-ing their own TNA device with unnamed private industry and Transport Department support.

A prototype, claimed by the researchers to be potentially significantly cheaper than and superior to the American machine, has already been tested at an undisclosed British airport, a Harwell spokesman says.

alarm rate to 2 per cent.

Heathrow Airport.

departure lounges may have to walk through a 9ft-long tunnel,

In one series of Californian tests a TNA machine detected 95 per cent of the simulated explosives passed through them - a high but not perfect success rate. Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), the company in Santa Clara, California, that is behind the device, already has one installed at New York's JFK. Airport, and final tests are being made on another at Miami Inter-

if passengers are charged \$2 a bag.
"There is nothing 100 per cent
about any system," he says, "This
device basically clears bags, divid-

One answer to the problem

could be the addition of other security measures. Coupling an Xray machine to TNA machines. for example, could reduce the false

A limitation of the TNA technology is that passengers cannot be screened with radioactivity. But a significant threat is posed by passengers unwittingly carrying bombs aboard, as did the pregnant girlfriend of Nezar Hindawi, the Jordanian terrorist sentenced three years ago for attempting to blow up an Israeli aircraft at

To plug this gap, passengers at

buffeted by warm air, which is analysed on the spot to detect explosives. The device is being

developed by Scintrex, a Canadian

company that already makes a

portable explosives detector in use by the Army in Northern Ireland. The device uses gas chromatography, a common laboratory technique in which gas is separated into its component parts in a filter, the position on every component on the filter indicating its

composition. Companies are also investigat-ing other techniques to find explosives hidden in baggage. Matsushita Electric, for example, has put its faith in a technique borrowed from biomedicine, which it will formally unveil in

Japan next week. Instead of using radiation, the company is harnessing antibodies to pinpoint vapours of explosive trinitrotoluene (TNT) coming from luggage or people.

Monoclonal antibodies bind to

one specific re-agent. In the case of the human body, an antibody will attack just one disease.

Classically, antibodies work with chemicals of high

molecular weight, whereas airborne molecules from TNT have a low molecular weight. The achievement of the Japa-

nese scientists has been to culture antibodies that will bind to these low-weight molecules. Bathed in ultra-violet light, the sample or assay fluoresces when TNT is absent or fails to fluoresce

if TNT molecules have been found. Traditional monoclonal assay tests require five hours and complex laboratory procedures. Matsushita claims its test can be done simply in less than a minute. Matsushita is now refining the technology to detect organic chemicals such as those produced

from Semtex and other plastic

British Aerospace has developed a bomb-sniffer that uses mass spectrometery called Con-dor, which "weighs" atoms by deflecting them in an electric field, and a computer capable of indentifying up to 64 substances monitors for the chemical fingerprints that indicate bombs. But the first sign of increased

vigilance at airports could be video cameras at every check-in if

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a development by a South Wales company takes off.

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The company has adapted the animation technology developed to put the cartoon character Roger Rabbit next to real-life actors so that it photographs passengers when they check in and links them with their passport details, pictures of their luggage and time and

Ninety thousand single-frame shots can be stored on a laser disc or an hour-long video tape. "The population of the United Kingdom could be put on to a square metre of tape," says Keith Lewis, of EOS Electronics.

A single image can be retrieved by security and police officers looking for a suspect in seconds. Airport authorities hope the system may also act as a deterrent. In the United States a different kind of video surveillance system has just been developed that broadcasts high-definition pic-tures every 22 seconds from the

men on the ground. Tests from an aircraft 38,000ft above New York to an undisclosed country in the Middle East have been conducted.

interior of an aircraft to security

John Hale, of the developers, Say Zen, says the system could prove invaluable during a hijack attempt. Troops and police on the tarmac could already have valuable information about the number and position of the terrorists before storming the aircraft.

The hidden surveillance broadcast system can also be programmed to transmit one lowerdefinition picture every five

seconds. may offer one answer to hijacks, but a British system may make the

broadcasting idea even more flex-

ible. The system, which is marketed by Fieldtech, a security and maintenance company in west London, involves hiding eight or more video cameras in the cabin in such a way as to cover all areas without revealing their presence.

Baggage is passed through a Thermal Neutron analysis machine which bathes baggage in neutrons producing gamma rays which can show if explosives are present

To plane

All the cameras are linked to a concealed television transmitter. Once an aircraft is hijacked the airline's security officer would rush to the scene with what looks like an ordinary executive briefcase - except that it contains a complete, miniature television studio. Opening the briefcase reveals a small television monitor and a video-recorder.

Within a minute, the case can start receiving signals from the cameras in the aircraft. The link between the aircraft and the briefcase is encrypted in case the hijackers have friends on the ground with radio equipment.

The science and technology to prevent bombs being placed on aircraft is developing fast. What remains to be seen is how far governments insist on their installation or how far airlines, and ultimately their passengers, are willing to pay for them.

# Scott of the Midwest

A bird protection project in the States will copy Sir Peter Scott's pioneering work

he approach pioneered by the late Sir Peter Scott at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, for the conservation of wildfowl, and the lakes and wetlands on which it thrives, is being adopted for the first comparable experiment in the United States (Pearce Wright writes).

The organization, which evolved from Sir Peier's work, the British Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, is establishing a new centre at Sturgis, Michigan, one of the many lakeland and wildfowl areas in the US.

The centre will be opened formally tomorrow by the newly formed American Friends of the Wildlife and Wetlands Trust. Professor David Gosling, an Amcrican biologist, and Douglas Hauyler, head of the education department at Slimbridge, will explain plans that will start with a wetlands and conservation programme in local schools and the creation of a wetlands practical educational centre.

Professor Gosling has just returned to the US after sabbatical leave at Slimbridge, where he studied the type of wildlife research, educational projects and methods of developing and Operating sites that the trust now applies at eight places in Britain one each in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and five in England. He has also been a member of the Slimbridge trust for 25 years. Although other American wild-

fowl groups are co-operating in the Sturges venture, the British group differs by emphasizing site-based practical conservation work and broad educational schemes.

Vicki Copeland, who will be the assistant director, says: "The Wildfowl Trust was looking at a place on the East Coast when we



Looking and learning at Slimbridge: Sturgis will also bave a window

explained how the Midwest is perfect for wetlands. We are surrounded by wetlands in

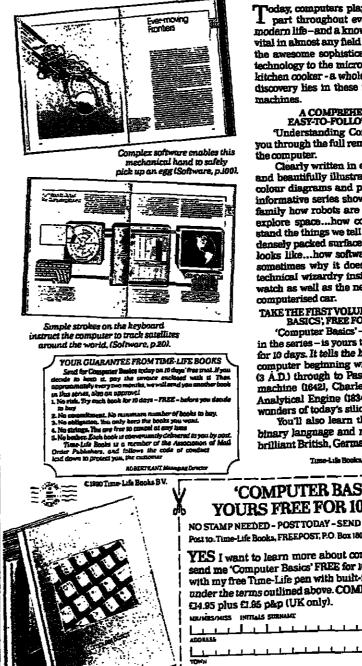
Professor Gosling says: "The educational centre will provide a window through which people can begin to appreciate the need to conserve the ecological web that links every living thing on this planet." Professor Gosling, who proposed the North American headquarters to trust officials last May, will be the centre's director.

Miss Copeland says the possibility of acquiring conservation management of several privately owned wetlands areas around Sturgis is being considered. But the plan is to model the project on pioneering work at Slimbridge,

which promotes conservation of the world's geese, swans and ducks and the wetlands areas that support waterfowl and other wildlife. Prince Charles is president of the 38,000-member organization.

In addition to providing educational programmes in nature conservation, the new centre is intended to be a base from which to expand on its 100 North American members.

The trust employs more than 20 full-time researchers and coordinates wetlands and wildfowl information from about 1,500 volunteers. It conducts breeding programmes and provides natural and re-created refuge areas for wildfowl species threatened in



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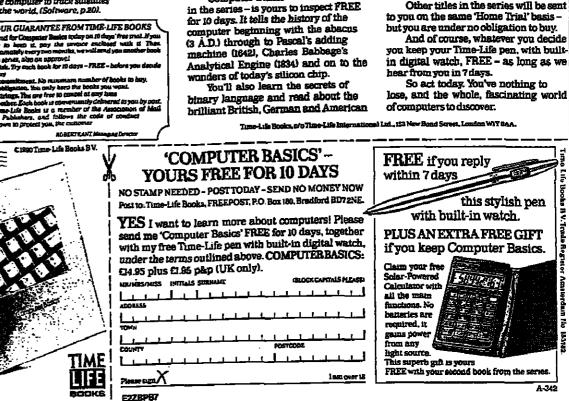
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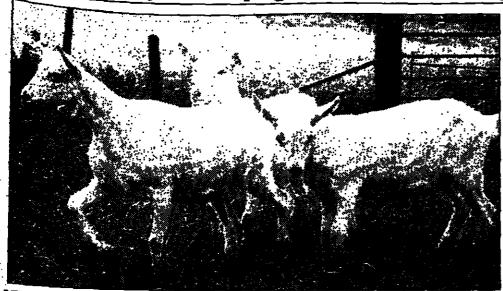
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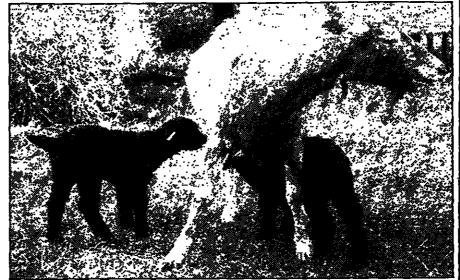
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#### **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY**

Frozen embryos are helping the Soviet Union to improve its goat-milk yield, Pearce Wright reports





Milk of kindness: British Saanens (above) and cashmere kids, raised from imported Siberian embyros (right) and shown with their British mother, are being used to try to raise Soviet yields

techniques that make test-tube ba-bies possible is being used in experiments to establish new types of animal husbandry in the Soviet Union and Scotland.

The results of one project, which could influence Soviet attempts to move from bureaucratic collectives to ased family farms, should be known next month. It depends on the birth of British Saanen breed kids from frozen embryos transported last December to the Siberian artificial insemination farm, 200 miles from the "science

The object is to determine

# Test-tube diplomacy

can be established in Siberia to for its high milk yield, of up to 1,000 litres over 200 to 250 provide the record levels of days, and because records of milk, voghurt and cheese production achieved in a breeding performance and special flock of British Saaproduction have been kept nens that has provided the exsince 1939, which enabled perimental progeny.

More than 200 embryos were taken from 25 of the

Soviet experts to judge its quality as a genetic resource. Before choosing stock from most productive goats in a Shinfield for the frozen emherd formed more than 50 bryo experiment, Soviet exyears ago in Berkshire at the perts analysed the yield Shinfield farm of the Agrirecords of all the donor dams,

were held in suspended animation for a quarantine pernone of the donor animals had any incipient disease. The freezing, storage, trans-

port, thawing and re-implantation of the embryos into Soviet surrogate mothers was Dr Bill McKelvey, of Edinburgh Genetics, the commercial arm of the Scottish

Soviet venture in an exchange of frozen embryos by his group. The other project, which involved the transfer of Siberian cashmere goats to Scotland, should reach its second phase next month when two herds formed from 220 kids, born to surrogates last year from frozen embryos. produce a first generation of offspring.

Whereas the Saanens are needed in the Soviet Union to

farming opportunity for Scot-land and an alternative source of fibre for a burgeoning cashmere industry that im-ports all of its 1,200 tonnes, worth £60 million a year.

The aim is to breed an indigenous animal capable of competing with the goats in China, Afghanistan, Iran and Mongolia that supply highquality cashmere fibre.

Under a two-year programme partly funded by the European Community, two herds have been established by the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute outside Edinburgh and the Scottish Colleges of Agriculture to breed a strain of cashmere native goat able to match the quality and quantity of its

fiat" and says that there has been no growth since last year. Other agencies say the market has reduced. George Coggin, of Fernhart Select, says: "The number of vacancies is 60 per cent down on the same time last year. Companies are not filling places — we have more contractors than positions on

Christine Symons, the show "feeling a little of a cold wind" and that the number attending this year is slightly down. She attributes this to agencies cutting costs.

The slower market is also having a more direct effect on agencies; several have merged or gone out of business. Mrs Symons says: "Iwo or three small agencies have gone out of business in recent weeks." The National Computing

Hard times for

the contractors Daily rates for freelances are still

good — but the vacancies are fewer

have seen their market on during the past decade. starting in London tomorrow takes place amid what may be turning into a shrinking market.

that a recession in IT is resulting in fewer and shorter contracts. Many companies are loath to start internal-development projects and are either delaying projects or baying in already developed software packages to contain

A & G Marketing has conducted a survey with the recruitment agencies before every Contactors Show. It reports this year that most tractors are being hired for nost positions last year were for six months or more.

This is reflected in figures of vacancy rates compiled from firms attending the show. They say they expect the contractor market to grow by 5 per cent this year, compared with their expectation of 18 per cent growth last year.

One leading agency de-scribes the market as "very

of basiness users last year showed that just under 10 per cent of all system-development staff were contractors. Salaries have improved in line with inflation for those with a contract. They still, however, earn an average of £28,000, about double that for perma-

nent staff. Contracting remains attractive because of the pay, and attendances at the two-day show are expected to be high.
About 4,500 IT employees attended last year's.

The NCC says that average daily rates charged last year were £223 for system analysis and £172 for programs ultants averaged £325. programmers, but top-level IT consultants, who earn the highest rates, are experienc-ing declining demand as companies cut costs.

Contractors are also facing stiff competition from pro-fessional computer-services companies. Many software houses now let their staff for hire to bus inesses on shortterm contracts.

he Price Waterhouse consultancy conducts a quarterly survey with ss managers. It has reing" to describe companies' use of both categories of contractors. It reports that a quarter of IT staff are outsourced and that once the use of packages is included, more than 60 per cent of software is not developed in-

Could the downward trend be temporary? Roger Palmer, marketing director of MDA Computer Group, claims the market is often dull at this time of year because it is the end of the financial year for many companies. He adds: "The market has slowed, but it will pick up."

Leslie Tilley ● The Contractors Show (0990) 23293) is on at the New Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2, tomorrow

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computer costing only £25,000 beat a £2.5 million supercomputer in handling certain problems? Apparently so. Independent Livermore National Laboratory in California have tested a recently announced IBM workstation against a Cray supercomputer costing more than £2.5 million.

The verdict is that for certain scientific calculations, the workstation is faster and, by implication, would be able to handle some problems better than a big mainframe

Eugene Brooks, a researcher, first tested a program that simulated the A test of two machines may mean big savings for business users

Workstation humbles supercomputer

operation of a nuclear reactor and discovered that it ran 10 per cent faster on the IBM 6000 series model 530 workstation. Another program that simulated a computer network

ran more than 50 per cent faster. The workstation uses a technology known as RISC, or reduced instruction set computing, which simplifies the design and makes for faster operation. Unlike other workstations, the IBM version also includes a process known as superscalar execution, which means the machine can handle as many as five instructions at once. The results do not mean that mainframe and

supercomputers will instantly become obsolete because there are many tasks that are impossible to handle on workstations.

For example, problems where long strings of calculations are needed, such as weather prediction or crash simulation, still require the capabilities of supercomputers.

Manufacturers of larger computers are firmly resisting suggestions that ever more powerful desktop computers will put them and their machines - which can cost hundreds of thousands of pounds - out of business. The prediction of the death of minicomputers and main-

frames has, they say, been greatly

But manufacturers of larger computers are facing fierce com-petition from the linking of relatively cheap desktop computers and workstations, coupled with an increasing belief by customers that the huge price difference between large and personal computers can no longer be justified.

Even companies, such as IBM. with a chip firmly in both camps, face the problem of trying to atract new customers with so-called "killer micros" without losing revenues from existing customers, who

sured purely in terms of power, the price per mips - million instructions per second - of the new IBM workstations, is far below that of the company's mainframes. Demand for large mainframes

realize they may be able to move to

the new breed of smaller computers

with a huge financial saving. Mea-

and supercomputers is still being maintained, but that for conventional minicomputers and small mainframes is weakening. So far, workstations have been aimed largely at scientists and

engineers. They are expected to appeal increasingly to commercial Centre's (NCC) annual survey

Matthew May

#### CAN YOU FILL IN THE GAPS

IN OUR I.T. ORGANISATION?

# I.T. IN ACTION

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The development of Information Technology is seen as critical to the achievements of the Council's business objectives. We are therefore implementing an innovative and progressive strategy to deliver fundamental improvements in our systems.

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Resources are not just required for the central I.T. group. Our Neighbourhoods also need Systems Administrators for the new AS400's. We need a number of staff to run the AS400 on a day-to-day basis. This will be an excellent training ground for a career in I.T. — up to £15,000.

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Micro applications form another important arm in the overall development of information Technology both in the Neighbourhoods and the Centre with a user base in excess of 500, Tower Hamlets has standardised on IBM hardware and the following software: DW4, SC5, d Base, Clipper and Pagemaker. We need people with a proven track record in applications development and support. Experience in Novelt networks and PC based project management would also be useful - up to £20,000.

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# Medicine's bloody revolution Thomson Prentice Thomson Prentice

That message emerges from a new exhibition which traces some of the medical advances and setbacks of the last 

When King's College Hospital opened near Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, in 1840, it had an abanoir on one side and a graveyard on the other, and medicine had a close relationship with both. The average lifespan among the capital's working class was a mere 22 years.

Operations were performed with primitive anaesthetics by surgeons using knives that resembled butchers' cleavers and, not surprisingly, at least half of their patients died. Leeches were employed to bleed fevers, nurses were untrained, and antiseptics were unknown.

The "Leeches to Lasers" exhibition, which opened yesterday, reflects the development of King's and chronicles a century and a half of social agonies and scientific progress in British health care. It also shows that, in some ways at least, little has changed.

Doctors fretted about the impact on public health of raw sewage poured every day into the Thames. Politicians were more pragmatic. In 1856 the stench from the river was so bad that curtains soaked in chloride of lime were draped across the windows of the Houses of



The new hospital was hardly opened before it was closing some of its wards and turning away patients because of a lack of funds. Conditions were so awful that Robert Bentley Todd, first dean of the medical department, took pity and offered some of his charges a glass of warmed brandy - thus inventing what we know now as a hot toddy.

The first nurses training school in London was established at the hospital in 1856. The women worked an average of 70 hours a

reviews a medical

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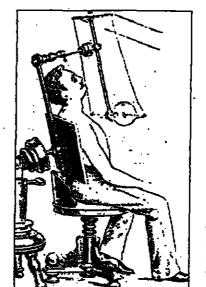
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scientific progress in British health care

Left: An early appliance for inhaling chloroform, which was taken by Queen Victoria in 1853 during the birth of Prince Leopold, on the advice of her doctor, John Snow, and (right) a drawing of one of the first X-ray machines

week and were paid only £20 or £30 a year. Some received nothing but free bed and board. They toiled in wards which Sister Mary Jones described at the time as in "such an appalling state of disorder" that nurses who began the day in "clean and dainty uniforms" ended it "looking like a set of sweeps or charwomen".

There was little they could do for the victims of cholera epidemics which raged through east London in 1865. More than half of those



infected died within days in the hospital's cholera wards. Florence Nightingale, who work-

ed at King's, wrote in a letter to The Times in 1876: "Hospitals are but an intermediate stage in civilization. The ultimate object is to nurse all the sick at home." Her sentiments are finding favour with health planners in today's beleaguered National Health Service. Joseph Lister was appointed professor of clinical surgery at King's in 1877. His obsession with

sprayed it into the air.

Post-surpical death rates on his ward dropped from 50 per cent to 1.5 per cent, and the hospital's general mortality rate fell to 9 per cent. By then, general anaesthesia, using chloroform and ether, were being gradually introduced in British hospitals. Queen Victoria had taken it in 1853 for the birth of Prince Leopold, on the advice of her

doctor, John Snow.

A drawing of the device is contained in The Illustrated History Of Surgery, by Knut Haeger, re-cently published by Harold Starke,

King's College Hospital moved to its present site in Denmark Hill, Camberwell, south-east London, in 1913. Since then it has become one of London's largest general hospitals and has an international reputation in medical research. It is at the forefront of diabetes

treatment, cardiac surgery, organ transplantation, infertility treatment and the use of lasers in eye

■ The "Leeches To Lasers" exhibition, is at King's College, The Strand, London, until March 30. From April 9 until May 1 it will be staged at King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry, Bessemer Road, London SE5. It is open from 9am until 6pm on weekdays and from 10am until 5pm at weekends. Admission is free.

computer network that section in the program which carried a virus which erases files that could help brought hundreds of computer security experts to computers to a halt in 1988 is track down where the informaunder attack by a backer tion is going.

Computer hacker strikes again

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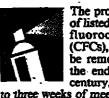
A computer intruder has in a scrambled form, experts been discovered stealing passbelieve the backer has been words and erasing files from able to decode the files. He has dozens of computers linked to broken into Internet via a the Internet network in the series of different computers to United States, which links corporations, universities, military installations and gov-ernment laboratories throughprevent officials being able to trace the calls.

Those involved in trying to stop the hacker include a out the world. The hacker has Computer Response Emerbeen identified as breaking into the computers of, among gency Team set up by Carnegie Mellon University's software engineering institute in Pittsburgh. It has confirmed that "several dozen" of the oratory, Digital Equipment and Harvard University. thousands of computers conknown security flaws on the network, but it is particularly nected to the network have been broken into. But damage galling for security chiefs that by the intruder has been it is the same one that was minimal, according to govern-

ment officials. Like other countries, the US has become concerned that its computer networks are not secure. In January, Mr Morris was convicted of computer hacking after disrupting thousands of computers and causing damage estimated at millions of pounds. He has not yet been sentenced, but faces up to five years in gaol and another computer where the fines of up to \$250,000.

Matthew May

#### **Progress** on CFCs



The production of listed chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), could be removed by the end of the century, thanks to three weeks of meetings in

Geneva by countries which signed the Montreal Protocol. Under the protocol, signed in 1987, the signatories were to cut CFCs by 50 per cent by 1999. Now about 50 nations, including the world's biggest producers and consumers of the gases that damage the ozone laver, are expected to adopt much more severe cuts at a meeting in London scheduled for June. It will cover CFCs used in refrigeration and aerosol sprays, as well as carbon tetrachlodride and methyl tetrachloride used as solvents in industry.

#### Mars food bars

A manned expedition to Mars could take three years and present considerable problems dangers of making technologi-on how enough food, water cal choices based solely on and oxygen should be carried. profits, a morally unaccept-Scientists are looking at the possibility of farming in space to provide food for crews and to absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. At the Kennedy Space Centre, wheat, soya beans, rice and some vegetables are being grown in special "biomass" chambers, where plants are fed by a continuously flowing nutrient film. Nasa is also studying a are captured by a video camsalad machine to grow vegetables as well as looking at the possibility of algae and bacteria as food. But in a study at the University of California, people trying to use bacteria for food suffered gout and other side-effects.

#### Water alert



Nitrate pollution has made drinking water unsafe for pregnant women and newly born babies in 24 municipalities of northern

Belgium, More than 120,000 families have received letters from the authorities warning them to use mineral water if they are pregnant or have babies under four months to avoid the possiblity of contracting cyanosis. Nitrate levels in Belgium should be below 50 milligrams per litre, but have risen as high as 75 milligrams. Officials have blamed excessive farm fertilization and pollution, caused by last year's dry summer, for the problems.

#### Video show

vision sets and videophones at them into traps. The univer-the Video Show to be held this sity will co-ordinate the work Centre, London SW1. It will which is being partly funded include demonstrations of a by the European Commission. puts images up to 8ft on the on chemical pesticides for the sale in Britain. The show runs can still result in crop losses of from Friday afternoon until up to 30 per cent. Sunday and the entry fee is

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#### Papal warning



Olivetti's headquarters in Ivrea, Italy, and included the able growth in unemployment and the sacrifice of man to machine with a loss in the quality of life. The Pope also warned of the temptation to make technology a new idol.

#### Game of strife

A new style of video game where a players movements era and become part of the game is being developed by Toronto-based Video Effects. The system makes it possible to conceive elaborate video adventure games, where, for example, the player is placed play musical instruments without touching them. In one demonstration by the company, a user can play drums just by making drumming motions. The system, known as Mandela, is being sold to museums, science centres and theme parks, although the company is also designing versions for the home.

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Matthew May



Pope John Paul II has warned of the dangers to humanity from advanced technology. His remarks were

made during a visit to

inside the scene on the televison set and can battle a monster. It is also possible to



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new telephone network which can handle two calls at once, transmit computer data while someone is talking and which paves the way for videophones over existing telephone will become available next

British Telecom will make an initial 90,000 lines available for the service and expects that millions could be using it by the end of the

Called the integrated services digital network (ISDN), it is a product of the futuristic thinkers of the 1970s, and has taken a lot longer to arrive than was hoped.
What distinguishes ISDN is that

it is a digital technology, like the compact disc or the computer. This means that information - for instance, the voice - is sent encoded as numbers rather than electrical signals.

It is claimed to be practically immune to interference and promises crystal clear communication. Businesses already have access to some of its facilities via expensive private or leased lines, but the advantage of ISDN is that it will work over existing telephone lines when introduced at a local exchange.

The system, it is predicted, will offer up to 100 times improvement in performance, and — because people are charged by the length of a call - a reduction in costs. Many experts believe this will encourage a whole new range of services. Experience from other countries

suggests they may be right.
In the United States, it is being used to transmit X-ray images from a patients' clinic to a central site, where a radiologist makes a diagnosis. This dramatically cuts patients' travel time and uses expensive medical experts more efficiently.

A hotel in Reno, Nevada, is using the network to beat its rivals to guests arriving at the airport. At the touch of a video screen, they can reserve a room, check in, make dinner reservations or book a show. The screen also displays images of the hotel rooms, restaurant menus, and lists special events.

Publishers are using it to get copies of photographs from all over the world. With the old picture wire service, a publishable image takes 20 minutes to transmit. Time magazine's New York headquarters gets pictures from its Paris office in just 15 seconds.

And in San Ramon, California, a computer disaster recovery service uses the system to help businesses whose computer systems have

In West Germany, the new network is centralizing control of manufacturing equipment. And in



'The integrated services digital network will help make the facsimile a household item around the year 2000. Home users will receive their mail and newspapers by fax and even written traffic updates in their cars' Tseuno Hara



British Telecom and Mercury are also developing a message-based signalling system for ISDN, called the Intelligent Network. Unlike conventional telephone systems, where signals are simple pulses of current or pitch changes, ISDN uses its own special computer language. This can convey infor-mation such as a call's priority or the caller's identification.

of Canon

For instance, business tomers with offices in London, Manchester and Glasgow can be offered a single telephone number and the network will route the call to the nearest office to the caller.

France, a chain of estate agents is using ISDN to show clients images and details of properties stored in a central computer.

Here at home, a London-based specialized printer has been using a high resolution full-colour graphics system since 1985. It shows work to clients - sometimes hundreds of

#### Calls that can track you down

The office to be chosen can even be linked to the time of day or day of the week. For example, Monday to Friday all calls could go to London, but weekend callers could be routed to a recorded message from Birmingham.

Calls can also be assigned

miles away - making approval

Other potential uses are the sending of high-speed, high-resolution faxes, improved line quality so that music over the telephones will sound much better, and very fast data transmission.

It will also be technically feasible

priority status. For instance, a 999 call could override a less important one. Or in a major disaster, emergency services could be assured the connections they need. Calls with no chance of getting through to an engaged number could be halted before they get on to the main network - useful where numbers are shown on

Domestic telephone users may even be able to take their telephone number with them wherever they go. Users could simply enter a personal identification number to have the call charged to their home

numbers are displayed on a small screen before a call is answered. ISDN offers two communications channels per line rather than the single line of today's telephone system. And because connections are set up using computer tech-

to introduce the controversial caller

identification service, where callers'

ing start-up routine is required. ven the fastest of today's data links over telephone lines can only manage to relay 19,200 bits of information a second that is about two seconds for an A4 page of text. Typically, people use 1,200 or 2,400 bits a second. ISDN can handle 64,000 bits a second on

each of its two channels. From April 24, it is planned that hundreds of businesses will be able to use the new service. By the end of next year, 2,000 local exchanges should be able to provide ISDN. By the middle of the decade it will be offered as the regular telephone service nationwide.

niques rather than simple electromechanical or electronic switching

methods, the network even makes

intelligent decisions, such as how to

route calls most effectively or assign different levels of priority to dif-

ferent types of call.

But one of the most significant differences between ISDN and to-

day's telephone system is that it

treats voice conversations, fax

transmissions or computer-to-com-

puter data calls in exactly the same

Today's telephone lines can be

adapted to carry data via so-called

modems, which convert digital to

analogue signals and vice versa.

This is how today's fax machines,

computers and even hole-in-the

wall cash machines communicate.

But because the system is designed

to carry voice and not data, a

relatively complex and time-wast-

The only sour note to the whole ISDN story is the worry expressed by some expens that it will not be cheap enough for widespread accep-tance. BT has not yet announced tariffs, but they are expected to be considerably higher — particularly the connection and standing charges - than the charges for conventional Systems.

Estimates of the initial cost of an ISDN telephone of between £300 and £500 compare to between £10 and £40 for a conventional tele-phone. And ISDN facsimile machines are currently thousands of pounds. ISDN's prices will have to fall to the same level as today's equipment if it is to have broad

Many experts believe, however, that within a few years ISDN will have a great impact on the way we use communications in the home. Isuneo Hara, group executive for Japanese photographic and electronics giant Canon, predicts that ISDN will help make the facsimile a household item around the year

Home users, predicts Mr Hara, will receive their mail and newspapers by fax and even written traffic updates in their cars.

SCIENCE REPORT

# Mini-mice clue to dwarfism

Genetically-engineered mice could shed light on human growth defects

tant cines about human dwarfism, according to new research. The genetically engineered mice are 40 per cent smaller than ordinary mice, but have similar concentrations of growth hormone in their

help researchers understand the root cause of dwarfism in humans, in which people do not grow, even after treatment with growth bermone.

Writing in tomorrow's issue of Science, Xin Xiang, Kathleen Benson and Kiran Chada of the Univ-

ersity of Medicine and Dentistry in Piscataway, New Jersey, describe how they created strains of "minimice" after injecting a fragment of a human gene into a mouse embryo, raising the mouse to

maturity, then breeding from it. This foun-

whole race of mini-mice perfectly healthy, but unusually small. Mini-mice occur quite naturally, when a gene on chromosome 10 refuses to work normally. In the artificially created

mini-mice, the human gene fragment spliced itself into same results.

different versions of the artificial mini-mouse gene in the founder mouse pedigree, called "A" and "B".

sits on cell surfaces.

This protein's job capture floating mo of growth hormone.

The "A" version came first, when the introduced human-gene sequence inter-rupted the mouse gene on chromosome 10. But somewhere along the line, a genetic rearrangement in O Names Times News Service 1990

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iniature mice some of the cells of the could yield impor- developing founder mouse led to a massive deletion in the "A" gene, producing version "B" as a derivation.

Both versions made minimice, and the researchers spent much time teasing the two spart to create not one, but two distinct strains of mini-mouse, one pure-bred So their genetics might for the "A" mutation, the other for the "B".

All the variations echo a growth-hormone-resistant very definite theme, though - that of growth-hormoneresistant dwarfism. Some forms of dwarfism result when the body cannot make enough growth hormone to

> Hormone supplements can "cure" the condition in many cases. But minimice have the same amount of growth hormone as their

bigger brothers problem is that the hormone is not getting through to the cells that need it. The researchers

do not know the function of der mouse looked normal, the gene on chromosome 10 but one of its grand-daugh- but a cine could come from ters turned out to be a dwarf. recent family studies on a She was just the first of a rare dwarfism in humans.

> aron dwarfism in humans is inherited in the same way as the artificially altered gene mini-mice, and is growth-hormone-resistant.

Research published last year (Science Report, November 1, 1989) linked at that very gene on chro-November 1, 1989) linked at mosome 10, disrupting its least some — but not all — function and achieving the cases of Laron dwarfism with a defect in a gene that There were two quite makes a certain protein that

This protein's job is to capture floating molecules of growth hormone. Without the receptor, cells are effectively "blind" to the hormone, no matter how much of it is in the blood.

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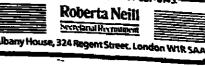
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# 'As' means 'in the manner of' for radio pirates

which the broadcast is made shall be guilty of an offence. "(2) A person who procures a broadcast to be made and a

section shall be guilty of an

Regina v Murray and Others Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Waite and Mr Justice

[Judgment March 19] The words "as mentioned in the The words "as mentioned in the foregoing subsection" in section 3(2) of the Marine, etc Broadcasting (Offences) Act 1967 should be interpreted as referring to the acts of broadcasting specified in section 3(1)(a) to (a) and were not limited to the acts of the acts of the section 3(1)(a) to (b) and were not limited to the acts of the section 3(1)(b) to (b) and were not limited to the section when and £250. mited to such acts when committed by that category of persons listed in section 3(3) who would be guilty of offences under that section. "As" should

be interpreted as meaning "in the manner of The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing appeals against conviction by Nicholas Edward Murray, Paul Faires, John Cole, Rob Eden and Linda Ann

On November 17, 1988 in Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Coombe and a jury) they all pleaded not guilty to contraven-ing the 1967 Act. On November 18 Estimates the contraven-18 Faires changed his plea to

On November 28, following submissions, Mr and Mrs Mur-ray and Cole changed their pleas to guilty. On November 30, after a trial, Eden was convicted.

Nicholas Murray, for conspir-Nucloias Murray, for conspir-ing to contravene section 3, contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Law Act, 1977, was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,500 towards the prosecution costs; for conspiring to contra-vene section 5 he was fined £500. Faires, for conspiring to contravene section 5 was fined £500. Faires, for conspiring to any other object on those seas, contravene section 5, was fined being neither a structure affixed the MV Communicator or supported as aforesaid nor a manian-registered ves

conspiring to contravene section ship or aircraft: any of the 3, was fined £1,500 with £1,500 persons mentioned in sub-costs. Eden, for inviting another section (3) below who operates, costs. Eden, for inviting another to advertise by means of a broadcast to be made from a ship on the high seas, in contravention of section 5, was fined £250. Linds Murray, for conspiring to contravene sections 3 and 5, was fined £500 and £250.

which is within the seaward limits of the territorial waters

adjacent thereto']."
Section 2 prohibits broadcast-

Section 3 provides: "(1) If a

oadcast is made — (a) from a

ship other than one registered in the United Kingdom, the Isle of

Man or any of the Channel Islands while the ship is on the

high seas; or (b) from an aircraft other than one so registered while the aircraft is on or over

the high seas; or (c) from a structure on the high seas, being

a structure affixed to, or sup-ported by, the bed of those seas and not being a ship; or (d) from

ing from marine structures.

Section 1 of the 1967 Act "(3) The persons referred to in provides: "It shall not be lawful for a broadcast to be made from subsection (1) above are the following namely:—(a) a cruzen of the United Kingdom and a ship or aircraft while it is in or over the United Kingdom or external waters, nor shall it be colonies: (b) a British subject by virtue of section 2 of the British lawful for a broadcast to be Nationality Act 1948 . . . (c) a British subject without citizenship by virtue of section 13 or section 16 of that Act . . . (d) a made from a ship registered in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or any of the Channel Islands or an aircraft so reg-istered while the ship or aircraft British subject by virtue of the British Nationality Act 1965; and (e) a British protected is elsewhere than in or over the United Kingdom or external waters [defined in section 9 as person (within the meaning of the British Nationality Act meaning 'the whole of the sea adjacent to the United Kingdom

Section 5 prohibits acts relating to matter broadcast from ships, aircraft, etc.

Mr Michael Cousens, signed by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants, Mr Bruce Houlder for the

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that between January 1984 and November 1985 pirate radio stations called Laser and Caroline were broadcasting popular music and advertisements from ships moored in Knock Deep off the east coast, which was outside United Kingdom territorial waters.

Laser was broadcasting from the MV Communicator, a Pana-manian-registered vessel. The

vessel was under surveillance by country or otherwise British the Department of Trade and subjects. The judge ruled in respect of section 3(2) that what the

The prosecution alleged that the activities of the appellants in the United Kingdom served to prosecution had to prove, in relation to each defendant, was that there was an agreement to which that defendant was a radio stations aboard those ships, stations which were otherparty, made within the jurisdicwise run by American subjects. tion, to procure that a broadcast or broadcasts should be made

The submissions made to the judge, before the Murrays pleaded guilty, were designed to show that the prosecution was based upon a misinterpretation. of section 3(2) of the 1967 Act and that it was also misconceived in so far as it related It was contended that no

matter what activity was complained about it could not constitute an offence under section 3 unless it related to the conduct of persons aboard the pirate vessel who were either citizens of this country or were otherwise British subjects.

It was agreed that the prosecution had not established the

nationality of those aboard the vessel making the broadcasts and so, it was argued, the judge had no alternative but to direct the jury to acquit in regard to the ns made under section

similar submission was A similar submission was made in regard to section 5, on the basis that since intent was an ingredient of an offence under that section, no one could be convicted of offending against the section unless the person charged could be proved to have had an intention to do the act forbidden with the knowledge that the persons in respect of whom he had performed the act

Clearly it was effective if the prosecution proved that the broadcasters on the skip were British subjects. What, then, was the effect if they were not, or not proved to be? Suppose a person in this

from a foreign ship or ships while on the high seas, and not that such a conspurery should be

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broadcast to be made. He also

rejected the submission relating

side National Territories (Cmnd

2616) made in Strasbourg in 1965. This was the first time

that the 1967 Act had been

behalf of the appellants was that

foregoing subsection" was referable to the conduct of the

persons referred to in the sub-

section and not to the making of

the broadcast itself and the manner in which the broadcast

The legislation was clearly

designed to prevent, so far as possible, broadcasts from ships

lying in the sea outside terri-torial limits.

considered by the courts.

to section 5.

country arranged for someone on the Continent, for a substantial reward, to bring a ship to just outside the territorial waters of this country and broadcast with equipment, crew and staff from the Continent.

It would be surprising if Parliament did not intend by the legislation to suppress the conduct of the person in this country, who had undoubtedly procured the ship and all that went with it and therefore, clearly, the broadcast. Had Par liament succeeded by the terms

the broadcast and not to the persons there mentioned and listed in subsection (3).

The judge's rolings were right and all the appeals would be

Solicitors: CPS, HO.

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of Bond Street.

# Slicing cooked meat is not preparation of food

Leeds City Council v J. H. of meat or fish by any process of cooking shall be deemed to be Dewhurst Ltd Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Garland [Judgment March 20

The slicing of cooked meats in a butcher's shop was not included in "the preparation of ... preserved food intended for sale" under section 16(1)(b) of the Food Act 1984. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in dismissing a prosecutor's appeal brought by way of case stated against the dismissal by Leeds The origin of the legislation was the European Agreement for the Prevention of Broadcasts transmitted from Stations out-Justices on January 16, 1989 to dismiss on January 16, 1989 to dismiss an information, pre-ferred by Mr Stephen Wilkins on behalf of Leeds City Council alleging, that the defendant company, J. H. Dewhurst Ltd, used accepted at 11 Paraples used premises at 11 Bramley Town Centre, Leeds, for the preparation or manufacture of A cogent submission made on ood intended for sale, namely the slicing of various types of cooked meat without being the expression in section 3(2) procures a broadcast to be made as mentioned in the registered with the local au-

thority for that purpose under section 16 of the Food Act 1984. Section 16 of the 1984 Act provides; "(I) No premises shall be used for . . (b) the prepara-tion or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed pickled or preserved food intended for sale, unless they are registered under this section for that purpose by the local authority. For the purposes of this sub-section . . (ii) the preparation

the preservation of that meat or Mr Timothy Straker for the local authority; Mr Robert Anderson for the company.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said that the question set out in the case stated was whether the meaning of the words "prepara-tion of preserved food intended for sale" was restricted to the cooking of food in accordance with section 16(1)(ii) of the 1984 Act or whether the phrase had 2 wider interpretation which would include the slicing of mests.

The restriction of the question to cooking was plainly wrong and was never suggested in the course of argument The correct question for the court to consider was to adapt

the latter part of the sentence and ask whether the words in section 16(1)(ii) had an interpretation sufficiently wide to include the slicing of cooked meats in a butcher shop. Mr Straker submitted, inter alia, that section 16 was, on its

plain and ordinary meaning, sufficiently wide to comprehend slicing. The purpose of section 16 was to define categories of foodstuff in respect of which registration was required and where those foodstuffs were prepared, section 16(3) indicated by the exclusion of

"IcCrory what was included, Mr Anderson submitted, inter

alia, that section 16, was designed to give local authorities some control over premises used for the production rather than retail outlets; the latter being protected by sections 2. 8 and 20 and the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations (SI 1970 No 1172) along with the added sanctions of a closure order in section 21 and an emergency order in section 22

Thus, Mr Anderson submitted, the point of section 16 was to cover the limited activities where food was treated and manufacuted by pickling and so on which changed the physical state of the food but did not extend to the secondary activity of slicing the food which did nothing to change the physical condition.

To give any wider meaning to the section, Mr Anderson submitted, would be to produce an unreasonable result and cause vast numbers of retail outlets to have to register. In his Lordship's opinion, the submissions of Mr Anderson were well founded. The words of the section were to be given their

plain ordinary meaning and

Lord Justice Neill agreed. Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Mr Stephen D. Cirell, Leeds; R. A. Roberts.

the immigration authorities of

the powers conferred on them by the Commonwealth Im-

Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said that the court would not interfere with the

statutory machinery set up by

His Lordship would follow Mr Justice Cross in In re Mohamed Arifand strike out the

migrants Act 1962.

Parliament

read in context.

#### Immigrants' admissions made under pressure

[Judgment March 17]

Makers of admissions made to immigration officer which might have been the result of pressure by a third party were not thereby illegal entrants as defined by section 33(1) of the Immigration Act 1971.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division quashing an immigration offi-cer's decision to that effect in the cer's decision to that effect in the case of Anchalee and Sorraseakh Manomai, a brother and sister from Thailand.

the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said the applicants had come to this country from Thailand in 1988 to study on student visas. While studying they had applied for and obtained Home Office consent to work in a restaurant owned by a relative and her

It was said by the Home
Office that by declaring an visional Court (Lord Justice intention to study when they entered the United Kingdom without at the same time declar-

An immigration officer visited the restaurant after receiving a letter of denunciation. He told the English proprietor he believed there had been an intention from the beginning that the students should come to England from Thailand and

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Expanse Manemai and Another Before Mr Justice Schiemann

The Home Department, Expanse Manemai and Another making a statement which they knew to be false and had therefore entered illegally.

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As a result of their conversation with the proprietor the two applicants were convinced that they should say whatever they thought the immigration officer wanted them to say.

They were then interviewed work in the restaurant.

The proprietor then spoke to the two applicants. His Lord-stances which must of their very

His Lordship was not satisfied that while in Thailand either applicant had an intention to work in England with or without permission. Both applicants had also denied having formed an intention while in Thailand to work in England if permission could be obtained.

they did have such a conditional intention his Lordship was not satisfied that they did

Despite some suspicion that

Solicitors: Malkin Cultis & Sumption; Treasury Solicitor.

#### **Evidence conflicted with plea**

Mr Richard Ryde for the Crabtree v United Kingdom applicants; Mr Robert Jay for Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health

> A person whose representative at a disciplinary hearing admit-ted the allegations and whose subsequent evidence amounted to a denial of the charge entitled to be treated as if he had not admitted the charge.

James Matthew Crabtree from a decision of the conduct committee of the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting to remove his name from the professional presenter for misconduct register for misconduct.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said the appellant, a state-registered nurse, pleaded guilty at Sheffield Crown Court to stealing a benefit book and obtaining property by decep-tion. He was conditionally discharged and ordered to pay

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should have treated the situa-tion as one in which he had not admitted the facts alleged in the charge, or at the very least invited him to consider if he wished to retract his admission. The court directed that the case be remitted to the com-

mittee to be reheard as if the appellant had not admitted the

of section 3(2)?

In their Lordships' judgment the plain words of section 3(2) pointed inevitably to the conclu-sion that the expression "a broadcast to be made as mentioned in the foregoing section" had to relate to the manner of

To say that section 3(2) was entirely governed by subsection (3) was to defy the ordinary understanding of the plain

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The wardship court would not interfere with military law which had been laid down by Parliament.

An application by a mother to make her son a ward of court was misconceived as the boy who would be 18 years old on May 30 and since he had joined the Junior Leaders Regiment as a boy soldier he was subject to the Army Act 1955. Mr Justice Hollis so stated in

the Family Division in striking out a wardship summons in a chambers judgment, reported with his Lordship's consent.

Mr Thomas Brudenell for the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Aidan Christie for the MR JUSTICE HOLLIS said

at the boy had been absent without leave from his regiment stationed in the North of England from January 29, 1990 but had not arrived at his parents' home until February 25.

The boy was unhappy in the army and it seemed that there were psychological difficulties

granted him compassionate leave until March 13. The words of Mr Justice Waterhouse in *In re K (Minors)* Waterhouse in In the K (Mataris) (Wardship: Criminal Proceedings) ([1988] Fam 1) were applicable. Mr Justice Waterhouse had refused to exercise the wardship jurisdiction on the ground that it was contrary to public policy for the

contrary to public policy for the wardship court to interfere with the stantory process governing the conduct of a criminal trial. His Lordship had considered In the Mohamed Arif (an Infant) ([1968] Ch 643) where the Court of Appeal had upheld the decision of Mr Justice Cross to

the Environment, Ex parte Merton London Borough Council and Another The proliferation of documents being submitted in cases of judicial review with bundles increasingly containing large quantities of papers which were

Concern over papers Regina v Secretary of State for Mann and Mr Justice Brooke) so stated on February 23 at the

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# Big-league claims of McCrory put to the test

Glenn McCrory's claims that McCrory his future lies in the heavy-weight division will be tested tonight when he defends his 78.5m International Boxing Federation cruiserweight title against Jeff Lampkin, the top con-tender from the United States. at Gateshead Leisure Centre.

If McCrory slips up, it will be a big blow to his plans. For the champion from Annfield Plain, who sought refuge among cruiserweights after defeats at the hands of British heavyweights two years ago, could hardly face the big men

Yesterday, at his training camp outside Consett, his American trainer, Beau Williford, who took Dennis Andries to the world title, was bubbling with confident talk. "We'll be taking charge and taking names," he said. "Lampkin will be stopped for the first time in his career."
According to Williford,
McCrory had not felt any ill effects from weight reduction. He has been training since the beginning of January and his weight has been brought down

knock out McCrory. "Glenn has a lot of heart and he will have his crowd behind him but if he lasts more than three Hartlepool Borough Hall on minutes it will be a miracle." Tuesday night.

Tale of the tape



Hyperboles are the stuff of boxing but behind the hot-air clouds both camps have been studying the strengths and weaknesses. The one who is best able to adjust to a strategy and stick to it should win. McCrory will have to contend against a body puncher, and Lampkin will have to face the fastest jab in Britain.

Unless Lampkin is quickly slapped down, McCrory could have trouble subduing him. Even though the American bas been beaten 13 times in 46 contests, he has always extended his opponents.

The two men have common opponents in Patrick Lumumba and Chisanda Mutti. Whereas McCrory out-Lampkin's trainer, Randy pointed both, Lampkin was Golditch, replied: "That's beaten on points by them. typical talk from Beau. But he John Davison, the Newpointed both, Lampkin was has a champion and it's his castle featherweight, won the moment." Golditch was in no doubt that Lampkin would national title by knocking out the defending champion, Srikoon Narachawat, of Thailand, in the fifth round at

#### CYCLING

### Kelly given incentive

Suir, home town of Sean Kelly, schedule, the World Cup champion, (Peter Bryan writes). TOUR SOUT 110 miles: O

This year's route for the five-day Saturday for the christening of Nissan Tour, announced in his twins, Nigel and Stacy, was Dublin last night, includes an training in Ireland yesterday individual time-trial stage, and indicated that the 500-mile which will end at Carrick-on-Nissan race will be on his

nir, home town or Scall Newly, ie World Cup champion, Peter Bryan writes).

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ATHLETICS

# Wallace is the latest pretender

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

Ten months ago, to Andrea Wallace, repetitions meant changing the nappies and tidying the toys. She was a young mother in need of a hobby. "I had to have something, otherwise it would have been just the children all the time, and I needed to get out of the house," she says. she says.
Now Wallace is out of the

Now Wallace is out of the house once or twice a day, repetition running around Paignton Green or wherever else she can pretend an athletics track exists. In spite of her nearest track being 40 miles away — "we're out in the sticks as far as running is concerned," her coach says — in spite of having two children to bring up, in spite of being in her sport less than a year, Wallace is Britain's best senior hope for the world cross-country championships in Airles-Bains, France, on Saturday.

All season, people have been scoffing at John Hambly, her coach and boyfriend. He kept telling them Wallace was on her way to the top, but few paid attention. He tells the story of one senior official who "didn't seem very impressed" when he seem very impressed" when he asked about international competition for her after she had finished within a stride of Susan Tooby, one of Britain's leading

distance runners, in a local race.
People are listening now. First
in the Inter-Counties championship, first in the British trial ionship, first in the British trial for the world championship and two impressive outings in Europe have lifted Wallace out of the cradle and into the nursery school for world class. She does not intend to kick around there for long, either. "My ambition is to be the best,"

she says.

In the meantime, coach and athlete will settle for the top 10 athlete will settle for the top 10 on Saturday — "top five if I have a blinder," she says. "I'm going to go off with the leading bunch — there's no point in holding back and wondering later what I might have done."

Aged 23, from Torquay, Wallers have deabled at gunning

lace has dabbled at running twice - "the first time I was more interested in horses and the second time it was the young girl thing" — but third time is serious. When Hambly started talking, back in 1988, about another baby, Wallace's reponse was: "Either now or not st all. I don't want to start getting to the top and, all of a sudden, have to take a year out."

Running had to wait until

Patrick, now 13 months, came along to join James, aged three. Meanwhile, Hambly worked on the theory side. He settled on the the theory side. He settled on the training programme that Wallace would follow, and the irony of her trial victory over Jill Hunter, the Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres runner-up, was that Hambly had adapted a 5,000 metres schedule the best Marrie Wilson Hunter's set by Harry Wilson, Hunter's Hambly, a fair club runner.

ago, he replies. "We always train together and I do the reps with her. Before she was hanging on to me, but all that has char Which is why, with his own 10,000 metres time around 33 minutes, he says that Wallace, in her first track season, will run close to 32 minutes, putting her in contention for the European championships on the track "unless she can make it at 3,000 metres". He explains: "Running 10,000 metres is hard and you can't do many of them. She's got to be thinking of under 8min 50sec for 3,000 metres."

now has to answer the question:

"When did you stop beating your girlfriend?" Four months

travelling to Portugal last month for the Almond Blossom cross country, only her second inter-national event, Wallace would have been too anxious about her own performance for anything aration. Instead, she was up in the night at her airport hotel. "I

the night at her sirport hotel. "I wanted to watch Jill Hunter and Liz McColgan in the Commonwealth 10,000 metres. I thought I might learn something."

She learned quickly. That weekend she finished fifth, only four seconds behind Aurora Cunha, the former 15-kilometre world road champion. According to Hambly, Jeanne Pipoz, the winner that day, half a minute clear of Wallace, will be

Running in the family: Wallace trains before the gaze of coach, Hambly, and their sons the one to beat on Saturday, "If she dossn't win it, she won't be far off the one who does," he says. "Andrea is improving a lot and should be closer - she didn't ease down and it was a very hot day, which she wasn't

used to,"
Without McColgan, Hunter, the Tooby twins, Yvoune Murray, and the best four men, Britain are a team of little talent in France. But, this being the year of the underdog, Wallace might just get up there with Buster Douglas, Oldham Athletic and the England cricket team. Win or lose, though, it will be back to Paignton Green next. be back to Paignton Green next week. And the repetitions of

amateur clubs, the schoolboys, it is a place which gives back nothing of what it takes. Compare this to Oldham. The

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the letter from Mrs Lawton (March 15) regarding the mental toughness side of tennis and the

LTA not recognizing American

qualified coaches.

As UK director of the United States Professional Tennis Registry, I find it ironic that the Professional Tennis Coaches Association, which is directly officient to the LTA professional to the LTA profes

affiliated to the LTA, recognize the United States Professions

Tennis Association but does

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organizations are responsible for the training of coaches in the USA and both organizations are recognized by the USTA, the American equivalent of the

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**BOOK REVIEW** 

### Blizzard-stopper who likes to be in middle of fray

Made in Birmingham<sup>a</sup> is the title of the memoirs of Denis Howell, who first entered Parliament in 1955, was briefly ousted in the 1959 General Planting her demonstrative a

ousted in the 1939 General Election but, demonstrating a referee's adrois footwork and his popularity in Birmingham, was back in the Commons by 1961. There is in this book much information and a pleutiful supply of photographa to show the author's enthusiasm for his his behave and for football. His the authors entities for football. His recollection of personalities is impressive, and those who have taken part in the running of sport in the United Kingdom and perhaps elsewhere, will find

In some parts of the Right Hosographic Gentleman's book there is too much detail for any there is too much detail for any newcomer to the theatre of sport and politics but, no doubt, as the first recognizable UK. Minister for Sport (from 1964 to 1970, and again from 1976 to 1979), he is perhaps entitled to labour the issues, the personalities and the events which have been the central part of his life for over two decades.

He is justifiably proud of his roots in Birmingham and his splendid family, who have known sadness and agonies but have had immense inner

have had immente inner strength.He looks at the and politicians, and casts a critical eye over those who supplanted him. He under-stands the difficulties of the Minister for Sport in the Depart-ment of the Environment having a dozen other responsibilities and frequently being beholden to the Foreign Office or the Home Office for policy decisions. Some judgements on events between 1979 and 1986 are somewhat wide of the mark, as is his spelling of my prede-cessor's name!

Denis is the only Minister for Sport and MP to have referred football at Wembley, but he is a former umpire for our Com-mons Cricket XI: it is clear that he likes to be in charge.

He has never been far from the scene of influence since 1964. He has chaired the Sports Council, chaired the Central Council of Physical Recreation and headed committees of in-

and headed committees of inquiry into sport and sponsorship. One can sense his anger and frustration, not just over the Zola Budd affair and football identity cards, but at the role of the big agencies and the influential paymasters in sport.

Equally stimulating are his indignant words on the politics of the international governing bodies of sport and most notably the International Olympic Committee, which failed to control the worst excesses of each city bidding for the rights to host the Games. In his judgement there ought to be a code of conduct to prevent the hustling of delegates by the

The Birmingham bid — in which he played a leading part — is graphically covered, and I was is graphically covered, and I was always a devoted supporter of the UK encouraging a city to host the Olympic Games. The Birmingham machine was good and there is little doubt that it would have worked — but the IOC had decided on Barcelona for 1992. Denis takes the ups and downs stoically and with a dignity which has earned admiration and respect.

His greatest achievements were the encouraging of the hosting of the 1966 World Cup, which was a triumph, and the creation of the Sports Aid Foundation in 1976.

We shall miss Denis in the but this book demonstrates his contribution to sport and the Labour movement. In my eyes, he was in every sense a longdistance runner.

\* Made in Birmingham by Denis Howell (published today by Queen Anne Press; £14.95). Sir Neil Macfarlane is MF (Conservative) for Sutton and Cheam and was Minister for Sport from 1981 to 1985.

#### **REAL TENNIS**

### Deuchar heads line-up

The Scottish Open champion-The Scottish Open champion-ships, which start at the Sun Court, Troon, today, boast a high-quality entry, the only notable absentess being the holder, Wayne Davies, the world champion and James Male, the rackets world cham-tion (Sally longer spritts) pion (Sally Jones writes).

The world No. 1. Lachie the former world champion. Chris Ronaldson, and Julian Snow, the world's No. 1 amashow, the world's No. 1 amateur who recently won the Seacourt. Silver Racket, the Jesmond Dene Cup and the Queen's weekend. Deuchar and Ronaldson may face a tough challenge in the doubles from Jonathan Howell, the professional of the state fessional at the new Oratory School Court and Kevin Shel-

#### SPORTS LETTERS

# Spirit of Bannockburn prevails at Murrayfield Football must Oldham deserve credit for win Give Johnson

From Mr G. W. Smith mentators have all enjoyed a field day analysing England's Calcutta Cup defeat at the hands of Scotland last Saturday. Poor refereeing, the media, Carting's captaincy, forwards' indisci-pline have all been blamed. Do

not believe any of it. England went to Murrayfield to play a game of rugby football; Scotland for a rerun of the battle of Bannockburn. Scotland were right. Sport, of which rugby football is the epitome, eucap-sulates the rudiments of battle carried out under clearly defined rules. Saturday's game was played in the true spirit of sportsmanship. It was hard, very hard, but clean. On the day the better team won. England were favourites and rightly so. Their rugby, prior to the match,

had often been quite brilliant.
Scotland, in walking on to the
pitch, set the tone. The crowd sang "Flower of Scotland", a stirring battle song, and almost reduced the team to tears. The whole Scottish nation clearly meant business. England never had a chance. From the first whistle Scotland, now fully fired up, caused abject panic in the English ranks and the rest is

to be British. If England had won I would have been proud to dish but not, as it tranbe English but not, as it trail-solved, half as proud as the Scots were to be Scottish. The Welsh and Irish, in like circumstances uld have enjoyed simila

"God Save the Queen" is the British national anthem. England needs its own. What is wrong with "Land of Hope and Glory for example? We need to give our team and country a chance to properly develop its

Playing to win From Mr Dave Williams
Sir, Your leading article "Playing to win" (March 19) leaves me gasping with contempt and I feel it must be answered. It saddens me to read so many grants granes" analyses of an

addens me to read so many sour grapes" analyses of an istoric game of rugby.

As a Scot, I was thrilled to ratch a good game with two xcellent teams. I find that most of the post-mortems consider that it was an unjust English loss rather than a deserved Scottish victory. Credit must however be given to the English coaches, who somehow managed to keep

perhaps a superiore professionalism.

The reference in the editorial to "fair play" at Banle of Bannockburn in 1314 is ridiculous. Had we been looking at the reverse situation in history doubtless the English would have been congratulated for good leadership and excellent use of resources — I somehow doubt if fair play would have entered the equation.

entered the equation.

The comment about laws to encourage more open rugby and 36 Elsdon Road, Gosi the awarding of penalties also Newcastle upon Tyne.

ing contests. Perhaps, then, we shall see the better players get the rewards their talents so G. W. SMITH. 70 Old Hadlow Road, Tonbridge, Kent. From Mr Brian L. Buffha

Sir, Both your third leader writer and back-page correspondent managed to suggest (March 19), that Scotland had employed a tactic which was both illegal and dangerous, i.e. deliberately collapsing the scrum, in order to avoid being Murrayfield on Saturday, David Miller mentions this in the context of congratulating Scot-land on their superior gamesmanship, and the leader refers to the ability to "play the

accept in a supposedly amateur sport? But perhaps the boot was sport? But pernaps the boot was on the other foot — could it be that England, as part of their tactical build-up, had been practising deliberately collaps-ing the scrum when in an attacking position but making it look as if the defending side had done so in order to gain a done so, in order to gain a penalty try? If either side had penalty try? It either side had descended to ploys of this nature, I suggest that they should be awarded the Calcutta Cup in perpetuity, as a tribute to their "professionalism". In the event, though, both ploys appear to have failed—the Scots were nealised everal times in were penalised several times in succession, but England failed to

Of course, there is more than a whiff of English sour grape-shot about this - miffed at not "getting a result on the day" as we say in professional circles, despite having palpably the better-equipped team, their supporters are looking for some devaluation of defeat. Mean-

requires clarification. As far as I

am aware, a significant number of penalties are awarded when

on the ground by not releasing it

or, more importantly, going over the top. Such offences should, and are, penalised because they prohibit open rugby, which thrives on early release of ball when a ruck develops. I would be interested

develops. I would be interested to know what you would include in the wide range of offences, some technical, which are suggested as unnecessary to punish. Continuing the vein of sour grapes initiated after the game it was notable that on Saturday it was an Englishman who was suith of stamping, a very dan-

guilty of stamping, a very dan-serous pastime which the gerous pastime which the authorities are trying to rid the

the new "fair play" approach adopted by the English since Saturday, now may be the time

when a request for the return of the Stone of Destiny to its rightful home may be looked

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sport of.

upon fairly.

ours faithfully.

DAVE WILLIAMS

vers attempt to kill the ball

while, back on the nitch, it was all about aggressive defence and beroic booting of the ball into touch. I have difficulty recalling any Scottish player carrying the ball into the England 22, and England, for all their anxiety to run the ball, seldom crossed the gain line. Is this the stuff that grand slams are made of or Yours faithfully.

BRIAN L. BUFFHAM, Barker Longstaff, 14b St Cross Street, EC1.

From Mr James Sherjan Sir, I was bitterly disappointed by the result of the match between England and Scotland. However, I looked very closely at the video recording later and there is no doubt in my mind that the referee allowed the Scots, quite illegally, to prevent the game from being played as well as committing countless

> From the early late tackle on Guscort by Scott Hastings, to the fouls in the scrum by the Scots on their own line (where at least one penalty try should have been awarded) and then on right through the game, the New Zealand referee had a most unfortuante game. Time and time again the Scots prevented the ball from being played, came in on the wrong side of the strum and went over the top of

Commentators explained that this was the way in which the game is referred in New Zealand. For a referee, by his actions or lack of them, to so dramatically change the way in which a game should be played is contrary to the spirit of the

The tracedy for British rugby is that, however gallant, medioc-rity prevailed and our game

From Mr D. Thomas Sir, A radical adjustment to the laws of rugby football, as called for by your leading article, is not needed. What is needed is a radical and urgent change of artitude to the laws by players at all levels. It is they who break the laws and, at least at the highest levels, appear to conspire to do so.

In the same issue your Chief

In the same issue your Chief Sports Correspondent writes that the Scottish forwards "had been practising ... during the previous week, the technique of collapsing the scrum ... leaving the referee in doubt as to which front row was the culprit". Was this really necessary and what does the Scottish coach have to say about it? Lest we lay all the blame at the Scots' door may ! recall that last year you pub-lished a picture of the English team during training practising the unlawful art of lifting at a

Why is it that perfectly honourable and upright men. who would not transgress the laws of the land or the accepted to change character when they don a rugby shirt and show scant regard for ther laws of the game?

took a backward step. Yours sincerely, JAMES SHERJAN, Martindel,

Cross-in-Hand, East Sussex.
From Mr J. B. Knight
Sir, As one of the fortunate Englishmen who attended the field on Saturday, may I say that the England side gave their all. Wrong options may have been taken and mistakes were made, but no side could have striven harder to win the grand slam.

Scotland deserved their win because of their determination and sheer tenacity, but England also deserve praise for rest effort for this match and for their previous wins. It has been a pleasure to have attended

Yours faithfully. J. B. KNIGHT Moore and Brock Ltd. PO Box 5, Barons Quay, Northwich, Cheshire,

From Dr Kajat Roy Sir. Perhaps the saddest feature of the afternoon was, as always at Murrayfield, the obscene and inexplicable screeching by a section of the crowd during the national anthem. One would have expected, this time, that with the anticipated vociferous rendering of "Flower of Scotland" to come with nationalistic fulfilment, they would sportingly have accorded their opponents the respect due their anthem. Perhaps this famous victory will endow them with the dignity, which is such a feature of the majority of their

I am, Sir, as you will not fail to notice neither a native of Eng-land or of Scotland. Menzies Drive,

countrymen.

Is it playing to win or playing to the price we must pay for

rours faithfully, From Air Vice-Marshal G. C. Lamb (retd) Sir, Your editorial echoes much

popular sentiment when it claims "scoring tries is what the claims "scoring tries is what the game is all about". May one ask, respectfully, who says so? In the earliest times, the grounding of the ball in the opponent's ingoal permitted the scorer to "try" to kick a goal.

Until relatively recently Law II dealing with scoring values defined a goal scored after a try as being worth six points but added "in which case the try shall not count". The term given

to a converted try is still a goal and is shown as such on scoreboards the world over, Kicks converting tries, there-fore, seem legitimate; are kicks to punish misdemeanours to be seen as less so? LARRY LAMB. Hambledon, 17 Meadway, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire,

shall not count". The term gi

learn from US

From Mr Geoffrey Corfield Sir, The article "The best backs in the field are green" (March portrayed how professional teams in the National Football League (USA) were located according to money and how we should be thankful this doesn't happen in the Football League. Unfortunately the opposite is

true. North American pro-fessional sport and the Football League have little in common, which is why the League is in such a mess and few of the 92 clubs in England are successful businesses. They could learn a lot from North America about how to run sport as a pro-fessional business.

NFL clubs run their league themsleves, are presided over by a commissioner hired by them-selves, and all clubs must meet standards of business perfor-mance. The Football League has no such standards and has pitifully low standards on anything except etiquette.

NFL clubs cater to fans because they are in the enter-tainment business. Fans them-

acoping in "minon mentany towards some self-perceived "rights", as you hear in the UK. NFL clubs are franchises of the league, which decides the selling price of new franchises, sets performance standards and rules on changes of ownership or leastern of the stube IF solub. location of the clubs. If a club is losing money it is usually indic-ative of either a poorly run or poorly supported club, and the owner either sells out or moves the team to another locale. The Football League is run as a sentimental pastime, locked into a doomed, 92-team

selves would never think of

nentality. NFL clubs never sell their best players to other teams - they trade them. Money cannot buy good players and they don't need money. NFL teams are not allowed to own young players; they have to draft them. The lowest team in the league gets the first choice of next year's eligible young players. The best team gets last choice. In this way parity between clubs is assisted and it is very difficult to build a dynasty. In the Football League the few rich buy off the poor. GEOFFREY CORFIELD, Corfield Associates (UK).

34 Middlesex Road,

Stockport, Cheshire.

Change for worse From Mr David Fearnley Sir, Mr Sebastian Coe (March 14) makes a great many peripheral points on a central theme directing rugby football in particular towards obligatory "money for the players". In so doing, is he not ignoring the main one, the difference be-tween the need and the want to in anything - change has al-ready worsened cricket and soccer, in a way that rugby football does not need, however much some may want it. Yours sincerely, DAVID FEARNLEY, The Grange, Hopton, Mirfield, West Yorkshire,

From Mr Stuart Dixon the Oldham'v Aston Villa game I was dismayed to read Stuart Sir, Rarely have I read such a "sour grapes" football report as Jones's report in which he described the thrashing Oldham the one covering the Oldham v Aston Villa FA Cup sixth round tie (March 15). Oldham won the had given Villa as "unac-ceptably unfair". match because they were more He then contradicts his own skilful, enthusiastic and committed. To say a highly-paid, professional footballer argument by pointing out that Aston Villa have previously won on the same pitch and have fails to complete a simple pass to his goalkeeper because of the "vagaries of the detestable sur-face" is rubbish. If anything, the also won on the artificial surface

at Luton.

Can Mr Jones please explain:

1. Why before this year Oldham
had not beaten a first division plastic surface highlights how overrated some of the so-called stars of the first division are. side on the pitch

2. Why six of the 16 second division sides to play there this Furthermore, surfaces such as this prove a lifeline for survival year have managed to draw
3. Why Luton Town aren't top
of the first division for clubs such as Oldham. On my drive home each evening 4. Why Preston aren't even pressing to get out of the third division nast the Arsenal stadium the ground is in total darkness; a black monolith that allows access only on match nights and the pitch itself to the privileged few. To the community, the 5. Why Torquay are struggling

to stay in the Football League.

I find it very sad that a club like Oldham, who live in the shadow of the free-spending Manchester clubs, who have to survive on an average gate of 8,000 and who have never spent more than £165,000 on a player, should have their heroic efforts belittled by people like Mr Jones. Even Graham Taylor, the Aston Villa manager, admitted that the better side had won.

your Football Correspondent can only bring forward the death It is a shame that any emphasis on skill in the game, also the revolutionary playing style of Royle, often playing five men in attack, should be rejected so of the lower divisions and, by default, create the "Super League" demanded by the elite. thoroughly.

Yours faithfulk ANDREW GRAY, 48 Harris Lane, Shenley, Hertfordshire.

members are also qualified with the LTA; in fact the USPTR positively encourages people to take LTA and other coaching. take LTA and other coaching.
courses and qualifications.
Regarding mental toughness,
the USPTR includes its teaching
in the initial training of coaches.
In addition specialist courses
are run throughout the year to
give more detailed training and

we produce a manual on the subject for coaches. In November 1989 I pronoted a course specifically for mental toughness, directed by Dr James Lochr. He is the director of sports science for the USTA and is regarded as the

USTA and is regarded as the leading authority in the world on tennis psychology. Unfortunately the LTA's response was "at this time we will not be participating".

If we are to produce top players and top coaches, we must come our reversing our must open our eyes and our minds. There is no one way to play tennis, there is no one way to teach tennis, but if we are willing to listen and learn from anyone and everyone involved in the game surely it will help us to develop a better and broader knowledge of the game.

Yours faithfully, ADRIAN RATTENBURY, UK Director, United States Professional Tennis Registry. 69 Win Hanworth, Over 70 per cent of USPTR

# a fair chance

From Mrs Nicola Davison Sir, My daughters and I were disgusted to read (March 17) of Sir Arthur Gold's role as an agent provocateur in urging athletes to boycott Ben Johnson on his return to international athletics. Has not the sporting world seen enough of ugly boycotts that are often so detri-mental to the boycotters themselves? Ren Johnson was legally

judged and sentenced for taking steriods. It is hindsight now to say his sentence was not enough. He has paid his dues and, like any other "felon" who has served a sentence, he is entitled to a fair chance. We feel that the merciless public humiliation he suffered and the two-year ban from the international arena was a big price to pay for his folly. He can't be tried twice for the same "crime"; so why not let bygones be bygones and not harm the spirit of sport?

We say to the athletes, don't harp on the past; instead, beat Ben Johnson on the track fair and square. We would feel very ashamed of our athletic heroes — Linford Christie, Carl Lewis et al — if they were to heed Sir Arthur's miserable suggestion. Yours sincerely. NICOLA DAVISON.

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Mulish behaviour From Lieutenant-Colonel

From Lieutenant-Colonel
C. H. T. MacFetridge
Sir, Your Racing Correspondent, Michael Seety, in writing "Cavvies Clown, who had lost 20 lengths at the start by his mulish behaviour," reveals that he has never served with mules. If he had he would have learnt If he had, he would have learnt that the mule is intelligent, sensitive, resilient and, even, stoical. Does he know that a mule, Lord Fauntiercy, won in 1976 the Bicentennial Transcontinental Horse Race of 3,100 miles from New York State to California in the time of 98 days? No mule would have tolerated the whips used at Cheltenham.

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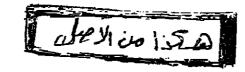
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CHARLES MacFETRIDGE Vice-Chairman, British Mule Society), Hendersyde Lodge, Whynstones Road,

Police recruitment From Mr Colin S. Harvey Sir, Presumably, after Norton Coin's great triumph in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (report

March 16), jumping stables will be head-hunting senior police officers to join their staffs. Yours faithfully. COLIN HARVEY. Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

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# Introducing the classic class of 1990



Ian Balding

Age: 51. Trains at Kingsciere, Big-race wins: Derby, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Champion Stakes. 1989 record in Britain: 41 winners, 2453,557 win and place prize-Horses in training: 90.

#### **Prospects**

"Dashing Blade injured his back about three weeks ago. It's a shame because he has matured physically extremely well and looks magnificent, but he's not in work at the moment. He looks certain to miss the trials, and he'll be lucky to get to the Guineas, but I'm not going to hurry

"I think Spinning is a enuine Derby horse and all being well he will reappear in the Warren Stakes at Epsom next month. "Routilante is a very nice

three-year-old filly and Parting Moment will start in handicaps at a mile and a half



Richard Hannon

50 wirmers, £506,618. Horses in training: 107.

"I've got three possible runners in the 2,000 Guineas: Rock City, Osario and Tirol.

in the Gimcrack last year, and was beaten only three lengths when fourth to Machiavellian

like to send him for the Bonusprint at Kempton, although he's won a £100,000 race he gets no penalty.



#### Francois Boutin Age: 53. Trains at Lamorlays, France.

Big-race wins: French Derby, Oaks, 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas, Champion Stakes, Irish Derby, Washington International, Breeders' Cup Mile. 140 winners in France, 21,527,915. Horses in training: 190.

#### **Prospects**

"Machiavellian has just done his first serious piece of work this week and I could not be more pleased with him. He

"I will bring him along gradually and his prep-race will be the Prix Djebel at Maisons-Laffitte on April 10. His big target remains the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket "Of my other classic hopes. Linamix is a nice sort and is being aimed at the French 2,000 Guineas, while Intimiste

goes for the Prix Noailles." "I have some decent fillies and I am hopeful Evocatrice may develop into a classic contender."



Clive Brittain

Age: 56. Trains at Newmarket. Big-race wins: 1,000 Guineas, St Leger, Eclipse Stakes, Breeders' Cup Turf, Japan Cup. 36 winners, £737,454 Horses in training: 130.

#### **Prospects**

"We have a nice selection of older horses this year including Mountain Kingdom, who is in Australia at the moment being prepared for the BMW International on April 7, and he should have a good season

"I'm sending Air Music to Doncaster this week and if he runs as well as I hope, then he'll be trained for the Kentucky Derby. He looks just the type for the race. Rushmore seems well treated in the Free Handicap, but Call To Arms, a tough, hardy sort, is too high in the weights and will run in listed races.

"We've some decent threeyear-old maidens including Anvari, who hasn't run but is doing very well.



#### **Henry Cecil**

Age: 47. Trains at Newmarket Big-race wins: Derby (twice), Celks (twice), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas (three times), St Leger (four times), Franch & Irish Derby, King George VI & Queen Bizabeth Diamond Stakes, Eclipse Stakes (three times). (three times).

116 winners, £1,606,561. Horses in training: 211. **Prospects** 

"Be My Chief won all his six races as a two-year-old. He was particuarly impressive when winning the Racing Post Trophy. He's done very well.
I'm training him for the Guineas and he might go for the Craven first. Be My Chief loves soft ground and I think he will stay 10 furlongs at

"Shavian is another nice colt, who won well at Ascot in the autumn. He could well stay middle distances in due course, but is he by Kris and has got plenty of speed. Dress Parade, Great

Heights and Private Tender the Cheveley Park but is bred are promising three-year-old to get further.



Luca Cumani

#### John Dunlop Age: 50. Trains at Arundel, Sussex.

Age: 40. Trains at Newmarket. Big-race wins: Derby, St Leger, Irish Derby, Budweiser Million. Big-race wios: Derby, Irish Derby, Irish 2,000 Guineas, Oaks, 1,000 88 winners, £1,142,277. Guineas, St Leger. 60 winners, £446,747. Horses in training: 187. forses in training: 130. **Prospects** 

#### **Prospects**

"It's difficult for me to be positive about my prospects this year. The firm ground and the flu, which affected everyone last summer, prevented me from setting to know my two-year-olds as well as usual. My guess is that I will be a bit light on classic colts but stronger on fillies. "The best colts I could

mention at the moment would

be Bridal Toast and Rudy's Fantasy. As far as the fillies are concerned, I would mention Line Of Thunder and Alwathba for the 1,000 Guineas and Narwala for the Oaks. "Alwathba wouldn't stay further than a mile, but we'll have to find out about Line Of Thunder. She was second in



### Age: 50. Trains at Whitsbury, Hampshire.

35 winners, £476,984.

"We're a bit weaker among the older horses compared with previous years and it's the same with the three-yearold colts. We're stronger among the three-year-old fillies and Salsabil has done particularly well through the winter.

"We've two or three wellbred fillies who have shown promise on the racecourse and should do well this season including Wasnah Sajjaya. Of the colts, Baligh is probably the best at the moment. He was second, beaten a long way in the Racing Post Trophy at Newcastle by Be My Chief, and he'll have to improve a lot to take a hand in



David Elsworth

Big-race wins: Cheveley Park Stakes, Goodwood Cup, Royal Hunt Cup, Jersey Stakes.

#### **Prospects**

"I hope to run Dead Certain in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury and In The Groove in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket. Both fillies are well forward. We're very excited and optimistic.

"Dead Certain was giving weight when just beaten by Crime Of Passion at Newmarket and had the winners of 20 races behind her when winning the Cheveley Park Stakes in the autumn. Yet the handicapper still managed to put Negligent in front of her in the Free Handicap. Now if you want a dark

colt, I give you Silca An'Key. He may not be good enough for a classic. But he could win



John Gosden

Age: 39. Trains at Newmarket Big-race wine: Second season training after a successful career in the United States. 28 winners, £160,048. Horses in training: 125.

#### Prospects

"Rudjig is a four-year-old who hasn't run since the Italian Derby last year, but we have decided to keep him in training "Of the three-year-olds, An-

shan, who finished third in the Dewhurst and in the Cartier Million, has the best exposed form; he must have fast ground.
"My Lord won at Leicester

last backend and looks a good staying prospect for later in the season. Quavering is not a bad type who will run up to a mile and Rejoneo is another who could be all right. "Keen Hunter and Grey

Owl, both fifth at Newmarket on their only runs last year, should come into their own later on.



Age: 44. Trains at East Everleigh, Wiltshire.

Big-race wins: 2,000 Guineas (twice), Irish 2,000 Guineas. **Prospects** 

Rock City is likely to go for the "Digression won the Royal Greenham Stakes. I'd only switch him to the Free Handicap if the ground were to my principal Derby hope. He become too soft at Newbury. "He was impressive at Royal Ascot, Newmarket and

THO WOD THE HOME HILL last autumn. I'd like to run Of Paducah have class and are him in the Craven. Osario won the Racecall Gold Trophy at Redcar and earlier ran Be My Chief to a length. I'd

"I'm very hopeful about those two. They were big, gangling two-year-olds; now they're big, strong three-year-



Age: 50. Trains at Pulborough,

Big-race wins: 2,000 Guineas (twice), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (twice), Eclipse Stakes (twice), Prix de l'Arc 109 winners, £1,719,786. Horses in training: 164.

#### **Prospects**

Lodge Stakes for me last season and at this stage looks may also be given the opportunity to go for the 2,000 Guineas if he comes ready in time. He's always been classy, but it's a bit early to tell just how classy. The Craven is the likely starting point for him.

i Waki and Diike entitled to be trained for the big ones. Duke Of Paducah is by Green Dancer, so should stay 1½ miles. Defensive Play is another colt you couldn't dismiss from the Derby reckoning.

"Of the fillies, Free At Last beat some useful colts in the Somerville Tattersall Stakes. is pleasing me and will be trained for the Nell Gwyn and the 1,000 Guineas."



Dick Hern

Aged 69: Trains at West Isley, Berkshire. Big-race wins: Derby (three times), Caks (three times), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas, St Legar (six times), King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes (five times), Eclipse Stakes. 44 winners, £1,263,932. Horses in training: 58.

#### **Prospects**

"My horses are all well forward. In fact, as forward as I would want them to be at this time of the year. Mukddaam, Elmaamul and Marienski are my most likely classic colts.

"Mukddaam, a half-brother to Nashwan and Unfuwain, won his only race at Newmarket in the autumn. He's hung away from the rails at the finish. I put that down to inexperience, so I intend to run him in the Laburnum Stakes at Kempton before tackling one of the recognized

"Neither Elmaamul or Marienski are certain to stay. Elmaamul is by Diesis and Marienski by Nureyev out of Highclere. Elmasmul will go for the Craven Stakes before tackling the Guineas."



#### **Barry Hills**

Age: 52. Trains at Manton, Witshire. Big-race wins: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas, kish Derby, Irish Oeks. 73 winners, 2814,119.

#### **Prospects** "Negligent was rated last sea-

son's top filly after winning the Rockfel Stakes at Newmarket. She's done really well and won't run before the 1,000 Guineas. She could well stay further than that in doe course." "Silk Slippers showed

plenty of stamina when coming late to win the Hoover Fillies's Mile at Ascot in September. She'll probably go for the Guineas first, but the Oaks will objective. Sharp Mover is another

nice filly with plenty of speed, who won at Sandown as a twoyear-old and Spanish Empire is a Derby entry. He ran very well on his only appearance when fourth at Newbury in October, and could make up into a nice horse."



#### Vincent O'Brien Age: 72. Trains at Ballydoyle, Ireland.

reand.

Big-race wins: Derby (six times),
Caks (twice), St Leger (three times),
St Leger (three times), 2,000 Guineas (tour times), 1,000 Guineas, Prix
de l'Arc de Triomphe (three times),
King George VI & Queen Elizabeth
Stakes (three times), Eclipse (five 27 winners. 1989 trish prize-money

(win only): Ir£150,112. Horses in training: 84.

#### Prospects

Royal Academy and Wedding Bouquet would be our only possible runners for the English 2,000 Guineas and 1.000 Guineas respectively. "There's no doubt that

Royal Academy disappointed us when only sixth behind shing Blade in the Dewhurst, even though he was beaten only four lengths. With hindsight, which is always easy, he was very weak at that

"Wedding Bouquet did us proud last season, particularly when running Dashing Blade to three-quarters of a length in the National Stakes.

"Of our more backward colts with possible classic potential, I would single out Splash Of Colour and



#### Age: 34. Trains at Newmarket.

Big-race wins: King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Eclipse (twice), Irish St Leger. 30 winners, £298,777. Horses in training: 90. **Prospects** 

#### "I have five older horses this

year including Filia Ardross, the champion filly in Germany last season. Brashee is in good form. He needs a mile and a half and plenty of give in the ground but, with so many good older horses staying in training this time, it might be hard to place him.

"Kaheel is my only Derby entry, and he'll have to show that he's worthy of a place in really well and I like her a lot. If she comes to hand in time, she could go straight for the 1,000 Guineas, but I won't be hurrying her. Yaazi is a nice three-year-

old colt who will start in handicaps, and we'll have to see how he gets on. My team look and train well at the moment, but most of the three-year-olds are good-quality handicappers."



#### Age: 44. Trains at Newmar

Big-race wins: Derby (twice), Caks (twice), 2,000 Guineas (twice), 1,000 Guineas, Irish Derby (three times), Irish Oaks (four times), 117 winners, £2,000,330. Horses in training: 191.

#### **Prospects** "I'm not convinced we've

got a serious classic hope at this stage. We haven't done any really serious work with the three-year-olds yet. And last season's two-year-olds weren't as good as those in "I feel that at this stage negative information is better

than inaccurate guesswork. I've got a reputation for being the field. Gharam has done realistic and I don't want to lose it. I'd rather try and make sense in a week or two's time when we know more and have done more work. "Having said that, Sesaki is

race at Leicester in October by On The House." five lengths although it was a slow time. Ivrea could be a nice filly in the making. She is by Sadler's Wells and won her maiden at Leicester in good

to establish contact and Spinks

unexpected happened again nine minutes later, with Dale-

Smith forsaking his post as left back and appearing as a for-ward to drive home the second

ward, to drive home the second goal from a difficult angle. In the dying minutes the RAF came into it with a serious threat and the unmarked Powell rounded off a combined assault with a well-taken goal.

Earlier the RAF Under-21 side had beaten the Navy Under-21 2-1, with W. Linam Stories both each to the RAF Under-Stories was to the RAF Under-Stories to the RAF Under-

Under-21 2-1, with W.inam scoring both goals for the RAF, the first from a short corner, and Hooper replying for the Navy. ROYAL NAVY: PO S Entictonar: Lt 1 Bisson, Sub-14 G Date-Smith, LS R Davey (sub: LAEA S Mitchel), CPO G Mather (captain). LAEM M Artiagh, AEM J Moseley (sub: LWEM T Spinks). Wir L Watson, LtS Askins, LWEM P Cooper, PO J Smith.

to put the finishing touch. The



Aged: 60. Trains at Newmarket.

25 winners, £354,599. Horses in training: 84.

#### **Prospects** Braiswick has done very

well throughout the winter and I am pleased with her. We will wait for suitable ground -.she must have it soft - and her distance is a mile and a quarter, so I expect she'll be tackling the big fillies' races at the backend of the season. Jehol is a nice horse who

had problems with his back last year but he seems to be all right at the moment.
"Of the three-y the three-year-olds,

Welney will go for one of the Guineas trials and then for the 2,000 Guineas, all being well. At the moment I am aiming Dorset Duke for the Derby. Of a Derby entry. He is a horse I the maidens, I like Rendalls, 2 think a lot of. He won his only nice colt by Top Ville out of

Interviews by Michael Seely and Graham Rock

#### **SQUASH RACKETS**

world No. 4, and then Rodney Martin, the world No. 5, in a bottom half also including Umar Hayat Khan and Brett Martin, the top-seeded defend-ing champion gained the benefit of a marginally weaker top half of the draw.

Jahangir will begin at Lambs England captain, or Sami Elopuro, the Finnish No. 1, on the Perspex court at Wembley

on April 20.

Kenyon, of England, who lost the 1979 world final to Jahangir, when the Pakistani was aged 15. In the semi-finals Jahangir faces the prospect of Dittmar, from Australia, who must regain the form with which he removed

Welsh champion, Del Harris, the British champion, returning strongly from a back injury, and Mir Zaman Gul, the world

meeting between Lisa Opie, the perennial British bridesmaid, and Susan Devoy, the New

the form with which he removed Jahagir from World Open and a serious disciplinary clash with the International Squash Players Association of which he is president. the draw that includes Adrian Davies, the unpredictable

> Harris is due a significant British Open performance and may feel that his eleventh seeding will allow him unpressured success this time. The women's draw raises the possibility of a first semi-final

> Zealander, to whom she has lost Opie is the No. 3 seed in the top half, with Martine Le

> Moignan, the world champion,

from England, seeded No. 4 behind Danielle Drady, of Australia, in the bottom half. Le Moignan will need to overcome Suzanne Horner, the

Yorkshire champion, who beat her in the recent East of England final, to reach a semi-final against Drady, who may have her own problems surviving the challenge of Lucy Soutter, the British champion. Opie should not have any problems until she meets Michelle Martin, of Australia, in the quarter-finals, but her run could end abruptly against Devoy, in search of a sixth successive British Open title, who has won three important tournaments with omi-

nous assurance. The dark horse of the top half may be Alison Cumings, the former national champion, aged 28, who has rejuvenated her career playing at second string behind Martin in the Women's

behind Martin in the Women's Superleague this scason.

LEADING SEEDINGS: Mee: 1. Jahangir Khan (Pak); 3, C Ditmer (Aus); 4, C Robertson (Aus); 5, R Martin (Aus); 6, M Z Gul (Pak); 7, U H Khan (Pak); 8, R Norman (NZ); 9, B Martin (Aus); 10, R Eyles (Aus), Women: 1, S Devoy (NZ); 2, D Drady (Aus); 3, L Ople (Eng); 4, M La Molgnan (Eng); 5, L Irving (Aus); 6, R Lambourne (Aus); 7, S FizzGerald (Aus); 8, M Martin (Aus); 9, R Best (Ire); 10, F Geaves (Eng).

#### **ICE HOCKEY**

# need of aggression

Spaniards draw 2-2 with Australia on Tuesday, were that neither side should prove too demanding for the hosts.

Alex Dampier, the British coach, was a little cagey when asked about his reaction to the opening game. "Both teams seemed a little nervous," he said, "but I am sure they will settle down and play better.

could prove troublesome."
The Australians had their goaltender, Damian Holland, to thank for his 48 saves against Spain, without which his side would have been heftily beaten. "He is very talented and could

play and with British ice hockey also allying a physical approach to speed and skill, this could prove to be very much to Great Britain's advantage when they face the Spaniards tomorrow. Dampier said: "The Span-They do not play that way in Spain and when they meet British teams, they get bumped around a bit and it is a little bit

squad looked fit and keen at a 45-minute workout yesterday. One thing Dampier would not reveal is who will be playing in goal against Australia in the opening match. "The two goal-ies to dress will be Jeff Smith ACE MOCKEY: Pool D world characton-

new to them. If everthing goes

# minutes but could not cancel out the two-goal lead which the Navy had deservedly taken in

Royal Navy..

The Services championship began at Reading yesterday in the same manner as it did last year, with the Royal Navy defeating the Royal Air Force, and by the same score. The RAF then were not the defending champions as they are now. Yesterday's result was a fair index of the run of play. The RAF woke up in the last six

#### The Navy went ahead un-expectedly in the 55th minute. Women turn artificial

will be ready for the new season in September (Joyce Whitehead

This year lpswich won the indoor club championship and have three players in the squad to play in the World Cup in Australia.

work on the £350,000 pitch will

It will be the first women's club in the country to own a

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Lengue.

BIATHLON: Euroeport 6.30-7.30pm: Highlights of the World Cup (men and women) from Norway.

BILLIARDS: Euroeport 3-4pm: Highlights of the three-custion European Cup from Sunday.

Sweden.

BOKING: Screensport 12-1-30pm and 330-11-30pm: Highlighs of the World Championship, and IBF World Championship, and IBF World Championship, Live coverage of Class McCropy y Jeff Lympide from Gateshaed: Screensport 1-2-30pm: Top Rank event from the United States.

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FORD SKI REPORT: Eurosport 9.30-MOSE, MOTOR SPORT NEWS: Exceptort 6-6.30pm: Motorsports news from around the world.

TENPIN BOWLING: Screensport \$30-10,45pm: Highlights of the National championships from the Imperial Lance. Office Street St

#### Sporting videos winners

There are 20 winners of The Times' recent competition to win copies of two new sporting videos. Victory! (West Indies v England, the first Test, 1990), and British Title Fights. Volume 2, both released by Castle Hendring.
The winners are: Mr Robert
Avenue,

Marsh, of Marina Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland; Mrs Brid-Fulwell, Sunderland; Mrs Bridget Chilvers, of Pontoise Close, Sevenoaks, Kent; Mr John Nellist, of Yunus Khan Close, Walthamstow, London El7; E. K. Marshall, of Crescent Road, Reading; R. Fitzgerald, of Northcote Road, Portswood, Southampton; M. D. P. Smith, of Byng Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent; Mr Peter T. Finucane, of Osborne Road, Eastbourne; Mr Arthur de Sybel, of Aberdeen Arthur de Sybel, of Aberdeen Road, Clifton, Bristol; Mr Alan Clarke, of Archvalc Avenue. Glengormley. Co Antrim: T. Grattan, of Hambleden Park. Drumbeg, Dunmurray, Belfast; Mr N. J. Bloomfield, of Cornbury Crescent, Downhead Park, Milton Keynes; Mr David Latti-more, of Malone Road, Wood-ley, Reading; Mr E. J. Keohane, of Finborough Road, London of Finborough Road, London SW10: Mr Chris Hardy, of Oakhursi Grove, London SE22: R. Moody, of Warwick Lane, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton: Mr Robert J. Peacock, of Castelnau, Barres Castelnau Barnes London SW13: Miss Elaine Broadbent of Dainton Grove, Bartley Green, Birmingham: Mr Kevin Smith, of Constable Road, Hillmorton, Rughy, A. P. Mercer. of Brotherton Close, Chippenham, Wiltshire; Mr Timothy Harrison, of Mallinson Grove, Harrogate. The answers were: 1, Wisden

Trophy: 2, Mike Denness: 3, Rohan Kanhai; 4, Michael Holding: 5, Antigua: 6, Kensington Oval, Bridgetown.

McKenzie lay-off Phil McKenzie, the Widnes hooker, will be out of rugby league for a fortnight with an injured leg but Andy Currier, the centre, returns against Wigan on Saturday

# Draw encourages Jahangir

Jahangir Khan's chances of creating a record of nine successive British Open victories improved when yes-terday's draw for the £82,000 Hi-Tec sponsored tournament placed three of his main rivals in

Club, London, against Jamie Hickox on April 18 and will meet either Bryan Beeson, the

Success there would probably take the Pakistani, aged 26, to either Ross Norman, the experi-enced New Zealander, who ended Jahangir's 512-year undefeated run in 1986, or Phillip

Leeks Weish Wizards, secure in the knowledge that they could not be overtaken at the final hurdle, cantered home to Cardiff with the Pimm's premier league championship, happily absorbing a 4-1 defeat inflicted upon them in London by Lambs Club, the dispossessed champions (Colin McQuillan writes). The ambitious Welsh squad, whose only authentic native members are the captain, Adrian Davies, and the man-ager, Robert Edwards, finished two points ahead of UTC Can-pons, who defeated Embassy Edgbaston Priory 4-1 in their last fixture, and four points ahead of Village Leisure Hotels,

one of the carly league leaders, who concluded with a 3-2 win

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over GT Superkings Abbeydale. The loyal presence of Robert-son, even at the last redundant fixture for the Wizards, will not have escaped management comparison to Lambs' own Australian first string Christopher Dittmar, whose still largely unexplained Christmas disappearance denied the defending champions any ves-

Wizards are triumphant in defeat tige of a second-half fightback

Dispossessed and restructured former champions will not be the Wizards' only worries next season, however.

Fosters Stripes, the southern second division champions, can already call on the services of Jansher Khan, the world champion, and Mir Zaman Gul, the world No. 6. Other Londonbased Pakistanis might be amused to join them in challenging Welsh first division

RESULTS: Lambs Club 3, Leeks Welsh Wizards 2; Embassy Edgbeston Priory 1, UTC Cennons 4; GT Superkings Abberdale 2, Village Leisure Hotels 3; Wer Systems Surrey 2, Aleports Northern 3.

# Britain in

By Norman de Mesquita On the evidence of the opening pool D game in the world championships in Cardiff, Great Britain have little to fear when they meet Spain tonight. The first impressions of the British contingent, which watched the Spaniards draw 2-2 with Austra-

settle down and play better during the rest of the week. "The Spanish are a young side with a lot of speed and skill and

certainly prove a stumbling block," Dampier said. The young Spaniards seemed somewhat inhibited by the phys-ical nature of the Australians'

according to play, I think we will do quite well."
All 21 members of the British and David Graham. Who starts remains to be seen," he said.

#### **HOCKEY** RAF join the battle too late

the second half.
The first half was a period of

In this hall was a period of wasted opportunity, particularly for the RAF, whose shooting went sadly astray. In the fifteenth minute, however, their outside right Mills was deprived of a goal by Ardagh, who saved on the line. Five minutes later Smith just failed to make contact with the ball hastily despatched by Moseley.

patched by Moseley.

By Sydney Friskin

Royal Air Force

Ipswich LHC is set to achieve a from the club's own resources, long standing ambition — to provide the area with its first floodlit artificial pitch, which

Thanks largely to a new agreement with Fisons, the sponsor of the club, plus grant aid from the Sports Council and . Ipswich council and £100,000

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European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter-final, second leg First leg score in brackets Gresshopper Zurich (0) v Samp-doria (2) (7.15) PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Derby v Eventon (7.0), Second distalon: Barnsley v Bolton (7.0); Scun-thorpe v Wigan (7.0). VAUDHALL LEAGUE: AC Delce Cup: Faunti-round replay: Wolding v Kingsbury: CAWOOOS COUNTY ANTENE SHELD: Second round: Distillary v Lerna.

Second round: Distillery v Larne, HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division; Winstord v Irlem,

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rignights of the 1989 Wold Series.

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 10em-midday,
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Korac and Rosehetti caps, and live
coverage of the European Caps.
Screensport 2.30-4pm and 10.45pm12.15am; College match; Highlights of the
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Hughes), FO N Powell, FO M Hallin.
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J Patel (RAF).

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SNOOKER: BBCZ 4-5pm and 12.15-1.20mm (noncorous): World Cap: Highlights of Wales v Asstralia and Northern Ireland v Rees of the World from Bournemouth: European Open from Lyon.

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# Beau Sher primed for a flying start in Doncaster Mile

By Manderia (Michael Phillips)

With Beau Sher, Gran Alba, Just Three, Lunar Mover, and Air Music all standing their ground at Town Moor today, the Doncaster Mile has

It is possible to make out a case for each one of the Quinter, but I favour Beau Sher the most. By winning the corresponding event last year, Ben Hanbury's seven-year-old proved that he comes to hand with the minimum of fuss.

Afterwards, Beau Sher went on to score at Leicester and Haydock in the first half of the ason before finishing a highly creditable second in the Royal Ascot.

Gran Alba and Lunar last season before stepping up a level to finish sixth in a classic; Granalba in the Derby, Lunar Mover in the 2,000 Guineas. Unfortunately, that was the last we saw of Lunar Mover who fractured a canon bone in the process.

While he is reported to be moving nicely again at home, the racecourse still remains the acid test for one who has that sort of injury.

were over seven furlongs,

#### how he fares over this extra hands of Gary Bardwell.

The nine-year-old is not among the 71 entries for the Whitbread Gold Cup at Sandown and Sirrell Griffiths, his owner-trainer, yesterday also ruled out the Martell Cup at

Griffiths commented: "At this time of year, you would expect the ground to dry up. Norton's Coin does not want it too dry, so there is no chance of him going to Liverpool. "He did

Going: good to firm

2m 1f) (18 runners)

Selections

By Mandarin 2.20 Ard T'Match. 2.50 Dwadme. 3.20 Romany

King. 3.50 Peristyle. 4.20 Lislary Lad. 4.50 Free

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13 WIMELEBALL LASS J Payre 5-11-2 R Guest
14 YORK STREET 934F J Below 5-11-2 R Guest
15 FOURSHOON 235F W Turner 4-11-0 D Gellapper
16 GROOM PORTER 281F S Cole 4-11-0 B Powell
17 P TWIGGERS 84 J Below 4-11-0 R General (7)
7-4 Harry Lime, 9-4 Proud Crest, 4-1 Ard T March,
6-1 Groom Porter, 12-1 Cream By Post, 20-1 others.

2.50 SAAB CD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,898:

10-11 Dwedme, 11-8 Olveston, 8-1 Sporting Idol. 12-1 Fly Wind, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: R Dictor, 4 winners from 13 runners, 39.8%; D R C Beworth, 21 from 71, 29.6%; M C Pipe, 75 from 261, 28.7%; G B Satding, 21 from 11, 18.9%; P J Hobbs, 20 from 117, 17.1%; G A Harn, 10 from 60, 18.7%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudemore, 53 winners from 164 rides, 32.3%; J Lover, 16 from 62, 24.2%; P Holley, 6 from 28, 21.4%; W McFarland, 7 from 34, 20.6%; R Hyetz, 4 from 23, 17.4%; R Guest, 10 from 61, 16.4%.

1 0-12 HARRY LINE 19 (BF,S) M Pips 6-12-0.... P 8 2 0132 PROUD CREST 19 (BF,S) O Sherwood 6-12-0

Ben Hanbury, who trains the talented Bean Sher

trip against horses of the calibre of Beau Sher. With his customary un-Prince of Wales's Stakes at Brittain is hopeful of a bold showing from Air Music who was last seen running on. Mover also won first time out doggedly in third place in the group two Royal Lodge Stakes, won by Digression at Ascot last September.

However, I am loath to side with a three-year-old maiden, albeit a promising one such as Air Music, against a mature horse like Beau Sher so early in the season.

Now that he has been drawn in stall one, Qualitair Aviator appeals as a good bet to win the Northern Handicap, and With five victories to his he is my nap. From that spot credit. Just Three was the next to the rails John he is my nap. From that spot most prolific. As all those wins Bottomley's four-year-old will be in the perfect position to try though, it remains to be seen to lead all the way, in the

#### Norton's Coin ruled out

The Cheltenham Gold Cup hero us proud last week and we'll Norton's Coin will not run again forget about the rest of this season. We'll start him off again

Responding to questions on the horse's newly-acquired cele-brity status, Griffiths said: "The horse is fine, but I've taken so many phone calls, I haven't been able to get on with any farm work."

The Whitbread entries include Desert Orchid and Aintree probables Bonanza Boy, The Thinker, Strands Of Gold, Call Collect and Brown Windsor. struck up a good partnership on the all-weather surfaces at both Southwell and Lingfield. winning three times on the Nottinghamshire track and once on the southern course As his last win was only 19 days ago, peak fitness is guaranteed on a day when many of his rivals could easily be a bit ring-rusty.

Gibbet (3.5) and Erik Odin (4.10), who have also been campaigning on the all-wea-ther surface fairly recently, are taken to win the Raceform Apprentice Handicap and the Raceform Handicap Book Handicap respectively. Elmayer, my choice for the Hailgate Maiden Stakes, has that touch of class which his rivals lack, having finished second in the Prix Lupin on his seasonal debut last spring. As far as the Philip Cornes Brocklesby Stakes is con-cerned, my best information singles out Sandcliffe Way and

comes his third victory in four

### Cecil work

Rhythmic Dancer. The latter is preferred. Over the jumps at Devon & Exeter, Romany King, who has already won two hurdles on the track, can sustain his progress over fences by making sure that the Heavitree Brewery Challenge Cup be-

Blinkered first time

# rider dies

J W "Nobby" Clark, one of Henry Cecil's principal workriders, died yesterday morning from a suspected heart attack after returning from exercising a colt on the Newmarket gallops. Clark, aged 56, had worked at Warren Place for the late Sir Noel Murless before Cecil took over the vard. "It's a very sad loss because he had been part of the family," said Cecil. "He will be best remembered for looking after Diminuendo, the winner of the 1988 Oaks."

# 3.20 HEAVITREE BREWERY CHALLENGE CUP NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£4,107: 2m 1f) (8)

1 2121 ROBANY KING 12 (CD.S) G Backing 6-11-10. R Guset
2 1FP9 MASTER BARN 13 (F) R Frost 10-11-9. J Frost
3 524 HIGH-FIRE 8 (D.F) O'O'Nell 8-11-2. J Frost
4 FROS RARE 80 19 (F) R Hooges 7-10-12. S Earle
5 6504 MINIMA 20 D Esworth 7-10-5. B Powell
6 5344 MINIMA 20 D Esworth 7-10-5. A Weblet
7 0475 GOOWYNS LAD 5 (3,3) A Barrow 6-10-0 W Invite (3)
8 (JUSO MASTER MARTIN 22 W Wilsoms 12-10-0. D Gellegher

3.50 SAAB TURBO SELLING HURDLE (£1,674; 2m

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1	4413	DEEMSTER WILLOW 17 G Baiding 11-2 A Charlton (3)
		KARLOVAC 14 C Broad 11-0 A Carroll
3	PO	MOUNTAIN LIFE 17 R O'Sullivan 11-0 D O'Sullivan (7)
4	OF94	POLDER 41 (H) D Burchell 11-0 D.J Burchell
5	PPC	REPALDO 14 (B) R Hotoes 11-0 W Invine (3)
6	0	STOKE PERO 28 N Aylife 11-0 P Richards
7	6	THE YOKEL 195F R Marning 11-0 J McLatter (7)
8		PERISTYLE 101 (2F) M Pipe 10-9 P Scudentre
		ristyle, 4-1 Deemster Willow, 9-2 Karlovac, 6-1 Pol-
er. '	12-1 c	thers.

4.20 ST DAVID'S SAAB HANDICAP CHASE (£3,150: 3m 1f) (17)

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2	1110	PARMILEA BOY 14 (F,G,S) G Baiding 10-11-10 R Guest HIGH HAM BLUES 29 (D,F,G,S) D Barons 8-11-7
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4	3324	RUSTSTONE 12 (G.S) R Brown 10-11-6 J Brown (7)
5	2-P4	REBEL SONG 45 (D.S) O Sherwood 8-11-4 M Richards
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7	13/P	IRISH LORD 16 (D.O.S) M Pipe 9-10-10. MON-RUMMER
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12 \$301 THE QUONEE 33 (5) J Beker 8-10-0. W McFerland (5) 13 P2PP WassE, EBALL 33 (C.S) J Payne 10-10-0. D Gellegher 14 228U HASTY DIVER 37 (5) J (10 9-10-0. P Device (7) 15 3F84 PERNECKETY 8 (D.F.) C Popham 10-10-0. S McNeil 16 3FFF BALLY CODE 742 A Barrow 11-10-0. W Irvine (3) 17 8SP0 SCALE MODEL 21 (5) J Roper 8-10-0. H Hyett 5-1 Listary Ltd. 11-2 High Ham Blues, 6-1 Rebel Song. 7-1 Farmies Boy, 8-1 Ruststone, 10-1 others. 4.50 SAAB 900 HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,658: 2m

9-4 Dawn Prince, 5-2 Free Justice, 4-1 Celtic Bob, 5-1 San Francisco Joe, 8-1 Doc's Cost, 12-1 others,

#### Results from yesterday's two meetings

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Harvey, 12-1); 3, Neight Of Fan (P
Harvey, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 Generous Sect (5th), 14 Cleiver Fox (pu), 16
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(pu), 33 Debirs' Double (pu), Frosty
Recopion, Sally's Gem (pu), Trein Robbor, 50 Bery's Joins (2th), Ceitic Rifle (pu),
Bor, 50 Bery's Joins (2th), Ceitic Rifle (pu),
Ser Noddy, Royal Reliance (pu),
Ser Noddy, Royal Reliance (pu),
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51,90, 24,20, 21,70. DF: 214,20. CSF:
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250 (2m ch) 1, ENOCKERACK (B Going: good to firm; home, straight good to soft 229.05.
2.50 (2m ch) 1, INOCKERACK (8 POWEL, 3-4); 2, Mescheni (G McCourt, 15-8 tow); 3, Chiege Wild (S Troemark, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Messter Vince (6th), Accisim (4th), Annette's Delight (urt, 12 Short List (5th), 7 ma. NH: With Goods Help. 4(.3, 20, 10; nk. 6 Ham at Asthridge, 10th; 23.20; 21.80, DF: 24.10, CSF: 28.45. Tricest: 251.82.

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Yanbu (5th), 16 See Shadow (pu), Com-bined Exercise, Forest Faver, Ibn Zaman, 20 Seundera Luss (eth), 25 Chees Mistress (8th), The Overnight Men, 33 African Ministral (pu), Snake Eye, James River (pu), Buckswill (f), Dublin Sega, 50 Duncton Hill, Clever Claude, Jameley, 20 ren, NR: Anbak, Oxstal's Lady, 41, 81, nk, 81, 11, M Pipe at Wellington, Totas £2.80; £1.70, £2.30, £3.80, DF: £11.80, CSF: £18.28. 218.28.

3.20 (Sm ch) 1. RANKELING ECHO (M Richards, 10-1); 2. Croix De Guerre (M Pitman, 8-1); 3. Consecte (R Richards, 11-10 tary), ALSO RANK: 7 Lough Ricad (ft), Scenet Dymond (4th), 20 Deiniel Mertin (5th), Foucopee (pu), Greet Morning (9th), 33 Revestion (ar), 50 Japing, Mertin Thomas (pu), Neerbridge (pu), Cullantaro (pu), 100 Giddy Brig (pu), Hallo Poli (pu), 15 ran, NR-Bridgetown Lad, NR, 12), 101, 15; dist, O Sharvood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 212.90; E1.90, E1.90, E1.90, E1.10. DF: E27.50. CSF: E79.01. After a stewards inquiry and an objection by the second the result stands.

22.90. CSF: £5.11.
4.30 (2m Irdia) 1, AIR COMMANDER (M Richards, 14-1); 2, Mind'A Smart (J Leech, 9-2); 3, Catchapanny (R Durwoody, 5-2).
ALSO RAN: 2 tav Corbits's Diamond, 15-2 Castlerichardking (49), 25 Another Barney (8th), Coustn' 150 (pul, 50 Tel You Winst, Wodehouse (5th), 66 Annais (pu), Parrygrose (f), Wickfield Lad, Rousse De Pomme (pu), 13 ran. 8, 8, 3, 11, 14, 14. O Sharwood at Upper Lamboura. Tote: £13.60; £2.90, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £17.20. CSP. £8.8.1. Placepot ES.50.

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2.15 (2m hdie) 1, Nineolus (L Wyer, 9-2); 2. Repeat The Dose (7-2 hdev); 3, Acratibule (50-1). Procurator 7-2 p-lav. 21 ran. 13-); 71. M H Easterby, Tobe: 25. 70; 92-50. £1.50, £14.90. DF: £5.20. CSF: £22.92. 2.45 (2m 1899); 2.5 Cum Cross (7-1); 3, Selior's Delight (13-8 tav). 12 ran. 15i, 11. T Etherington, Total: £3.40; £1.90, £2.40. £1.80. Dual forecast: £3.180. CSF: £23.79.

3.16 (2m 6f hole) 1, What About Me (7-1); 2. Candlebright (3-1); 3. Villing Rocket (7-1); Royal Mile 9-4 (sv. 6 nin. 1); 12. Mrs 8 Bramsil, Tote: 211.20; 23.40, 51.50, 21.30, DF: 255.90. CSF: 256.98. Treast: 2136.60.
3.45 (3m.ch) 1, Irish Red (Mr K. Johnson, 3-1); 2. J.-J-Henry (7-1); 3. Green Gorse (14-1). Conclusive 10-11 (sv. 7 rar. NR: Mighty Mark, Rich Removae, 2), 3. W A Septemson. Tote: 24.70; 22.40, 23.50. DF: 220.30, CSF: 222.83. Tricast: 2235.51. 4.15 (3m 1f hole) 1, INVASION (F Whitis, 2-5 tay, Mandariri's nap & Prinris Handlesuper's top rating; 2, Garry Odder (9-1); 3, State Led (7-1), 18 ran, 12, 194. J Glover, Tote, £1,40; £1,40, £2,20, £2,10. DF: £3,50, CSF: £5,52.

4.45 (3m cit) 1, Brusze Heed (Mr P McNshon, 3-1); 2, Cannon Lad (20-1); 3, Water Wagsen (6-4 fay), 8 ran. 2%, 101. A Bonss. Tote: £4.50; £1.40, £2.50, £1.80, DF: £38.00, CSF: £48.15. 5.15 (2m flat) 1, Jodessi (Mrs A Farrell, 33-1); 2. One For The North (15-2); 3, Mudahim (5-2); Shuttle Hill 2-1 fay, 13 ran, 7, 41. P Beausmort, Tona: £47 90; £3.40, £2.30, £2.30, £2.30, £5.50, CSF; £266 15. 5.45 (2m flat) 1, Fonget The Reat (D Byrne, 3-1); 2, The Wrens Don (20-1); 2, Cowgate Fountain (4-1), 7-4 flat, 13 ran, NF: Glen Monvern, 12, nk, Jeremy Fitz-perald, Tobs: 54,00; 51,80; 82,20, 51,40, Duel forecast: £121,70, CSF: £57,88.

Sherwood double Oliver Sherwood completed a 164-1 double at Worcester yes-terday with Rambling Echo and Air Commander. Mark Richards rode both. On the same programme, Clifton Chapel gave Henry Candy his first jumping success in 16 years as a

■ Cash Asmussen will resume riding for owner Daniel Wildenstein this season. Domidenstein's retained jockey with Asmussen back on those horses trained by André Fabre.

# Opinions sought in Derby entry debate

By George Rae Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, the chairman of United Race-

chairman of United Race-courses, yesterday threw open the vexed question of entries for the Ever Ready Derby.

The 126 entries for this year's race, the 211th running of the Epsom classic, was some 25 per cent down on last year's figure of 169. In 1987 there were 208 entries.

entries.

Speaking at the Ever Ready funch in London yesterday, Sir Evelyn said: "I am looking for as many people as possible to write to me personally and offer their suggestions for changes to the

By Mandarin

2.35 Rhythmic Dancer.

Going: good to firm

£3,752: 5f) (14 runners)

4.10 Erik Odin.

2.00 QUALIȚAIR AVIATOR (nap).

DONCASTER

2.0 NORTHERN HANDICAP (£3,288: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

Selections

By Michael Seely 2.35 Rhythmic Dancer. 3.35 BEAU SHER (nap). 4.10 Shift Surprise.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 ELMAYER.

NG: 4-1 Qualitair Avistor, 5-1 New Arrangement, 6-1 Berrish, Phanan, 8-1 Tailspin, No More The Rambo Castle, 12-1 Bold Republic.

1989: POSITIVE WAY 5-8-0 J H Brown (14-1) S Multicon 7 ra

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3.5 RACEFORM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2.889: 1m 2t 50vd) (26

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FORM FOCUS MASKED BALL has been in good form on the all-weather winning at Southwell (1m 31) and thishing 33 and of 10 to 1giling over 1m 4f at the same course last time. Well-handicapped on his best form. Unglish over 1m 4f at the same course last time. Well-handicapped on his best form. Unglish (1m 2) 1170yd, good to firm) on penultinshing 33 and of 10 to 1giling over 1m 4f at the same course last time. Well-handicapped on his best form. Unglish (1m 2) 11.00 to 11 and to Valent field at 10 and 11 and 11 and 12 and 12 and 13 and 14 and 14 and 15 and 16 an

Selections

By Mandarin

Brian Beel's selection: 2.00 Moor Scope.

2.0 GRAFTON NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,553: 3m 190yd) (7 runners)

1989: SWINGHOE CROFT 7-11-3 J Furnival (9-1) J Furnival 10 ran

2.30 KPMG PEAT MARWICK INCLINTOCK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (21,982: 2m)

BETTING: 5-1 Ser's At The Gm, 11-2 Duhatow Boy, 8-1 Up And Coming, 13-2 Sheer Steel, 8-1 Bals-naveen, 10-1 Marshander, 12-1 Bronze Effigy, 14-1 Bold in Combat, 20-1 others.

1989; GAY MOORE 8-10-5 F Scudemore (10-1) M Robinson 10 ran

3.0 SWAN NATIONAL HANDICAP CHASE (52,742: 3m 190yd) (18 runners)

18 P/P220U HASTY DIVER 37 (8) (K Britten) J Old 9-10-0...

Long handless: Hasty Diver 9-13.

2.00 Arctic Paddy. 2.30 Smiley. 3.00 Up And Coming.

Going: good to firm

3.30 Free Travel.

right is a conundrum," he went on. "I would like to hear the arguments for entering as two-year-olds, three-year-olds, or even as foals. We are consid-

ering alterations and we want to get it right."

That Sir Evelyn has opened the argument to public debate suggests disquiet with the existsuggests disquiet with the corres-ing system and the corres-ponding decline in entries. Although the entry fee of £1,320 has remained the same for four years, the cost of having a runner has increased from £2,400 in 1987 to £5,000 this year. Total prize-money for the race will be £600,000 with the

By Our Newmarket

Correspondent

3.05 Asitappens. 3.35 BEAU SHER (nap).

2.00 Take One.

Draw: 5f-7f, high numbers best

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A Cochrane Kim Tinkler

B Perks H Adens ... N Adens Paul Eddery .... K Darley

winning owner receiving £355,000.

The Racehorse Owners' Association (ROA), whose members must ultimately foot the bill, has argued for a lower entry fee to draw in the less wealthy. A wider base would be created, and at the same time cool the allegations of elitism which regularly attends the announcement of the entries. The cost of the later forfeits would be raised, as by the time of the recognised trials owners should know whether they have a genuine classic hope or not. Whether the ROA will get its way remains to be seen, but de Rothschild's mood suggests changes are at hand.

For the fifth year in succession, Sheikh Mohammed is

represented by the largest number of entries. However, even he has apparently exercised more restraint with only 21 against 36 a year ago. Khaled Abdulla has nine and the remainder of the Maktoum family seven.

Henry Cecil, twice successful in the race with Slip Anchor and Reference Point, has the most entries among the trainers with 17, including Be My Chief, unbeaten in six races last season. Guy Harwood includes Royal Lodge Stakes winner Digression, the early favourine in most books, among his 13 hopefuls.

hopefuls.

Dick Hern, responsible for last year's winner Nashwan, has seven to call upon this time,

notably Elmaamul, Marienski and Mukadaam, a half-brother to Nashwan. Plotting their respective classic routes, Hern confirmed Mukadaam as a probable for Kempton on April 6, adding: "Elmaamul has pleased me over the winter and is likely to run in the Crawdis last crawdis and likely wait for the Sandown Classic Trial."

There was also news of last year's classic crop. Charles St. George is thinking of starting Michelozzo, his St. Leger winder, in the Prix Ganay at Longchamp on April 27. "He is in fine shape and the Ganay is a suitable 'early objective as kong as the ground is wet."

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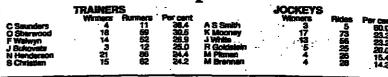
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8	68	WATER SPRITE 134 (R Hawthorn) 8 Dow 6-10-13 H Davigs
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# Haynes's lost chance to taunt England batsmen with spin

From Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain, Trinidad

have to do to procure a tochold in the modern West Indies side? Answers, please, to Robert Haynes, tired, confused and heading home to Jamaica rather than preparing seasons. He took 20 wickets in for his Test debut here tomorrow. Haynes is entitled to feel slighted after demonstrating as a big spinner of the ball. once again that English batsmen can be every bit as to the all-purpose demands of vulnerable against quality wrist spin as they are against extreme pace.

At Guaracara Park, Pointeà-Pierre, earlier this week, he impressed all, not only by taking eight wickets but by his unflagging accuracy and subtle variations. There are leading England batsmen who cannot read him and when he completed figures of six for 90 in the second innings, it seemed he had only to sit back and await the selectorial

It never came and, if

Just what does a spin bowler hard not to feel a certain taken seriously by the West Indies was David Holford in sympathy. the mid-1970s. Ironically, Haynes, after all, is no Holford now sits on the infant prodigy. He is apselection panel responsible for proaching 26 and has been in ignoring Haynes and remainthe Jamaica side for eight ing doggedly faithful to the policy of four fast bowlers. his first two matches for the

island and was then regarded It is, of course, this approach which has won West Now, his bowling is tailored Indies so many matches, but now some of their enduring modern pitches. Graham champions have retired and Gooch, rueful after falling to the last of them, Marshall, is Haynes twice in this week's injured. The five fast bowlers match. said: "He does not turn chosen in their squad have it a long way but he is very accurate and if you make a only 66 Test caps among them. Marshall alone has 67. mistake you are likely to be For the first time in many a year, they lack a truly experi-

enced leader of the pack. Tall, not conspicuously ath-Parochialism has largely letic but with a smooth, quick disappeared from team selecarm action and a refreshing tion but the inclusion of the desire to get through his overs gifted Brian Lara, on his own without posturing, Haynes is also a good enough batsman island, for Viv Richards seems calculated to please the locals. who has regularly gone in at No. 3 for Jamaica. The way In 1981, there were demon-

strations outside the grounds against the omission of Deryck Murray, of Trinidad. On England's last tour, the banners and chanting were directed at Gooch. This time. if fitness had not discounted Richards he would have run the gamut of local anger for his recent allegedly racist re-

The effect of Richards's absence is being played down the England hierarchy. Micky Stewart, the team manager, said: "They have got a group of players who have been together so long that they know the formula. You might look at their side and think there have got to be changes but they show a lot of loyalty.

It never came and, ...
Haynes's frenetic batting on the final evening, with his team facing defeat, told of a this bonus talent rainer man pure bowling skill which may yet gain him a Test place.

The last wrist spinner to be POINTE-A-PIERRE SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 252 (G A Gooch 66, R J Belley 52; E A E Baptiste 4 for 91).	Lara 134).
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# Lawrence runs into trouble

From Richard Streeton, Harare

David Lawrence, the England A fast bowler, suffered a disheartening experience on the second day of the match against

Zimbabwe B here yesterday.

Lawrence jeopardized his chances of playing in the third five-day international at the weekend after problems with his run-up, and he was also warned twice for running on the pitch.
Playing his first game for three weeks following a calf strain, he bowled 22 no-balls and a wide, which went to the boundary. The runs made the difference between England being in a position to make their

opponents follow on.
Zimbabwe, resuming at 20 for three, were all out for 198 - 131 runs behind. England began runs in 17 overs, before they reached 44 for one at the close.

reached 44 for one at the close.

Zimbabwe were 23 for four when Brown was caught trying to square cut Martin Bicknell. Butchart struck the ball firmly, but everyone else had to be to prized out on a harden struck.

England did not help them-selves with several dropped slip oured 180 was reached. catches. Their over-rate was

poor and, overall, it was a disappointing outing for the touring side.
Other problems included an injury to Afford, who retired with a swollen knee after falling in the field, and another failure by Stephenson. He was caught down the leg side by Bryant, FALL OF WICKET: 1-4. who took over wicketkeeping from James.

James had earlier led the Zimbabwe resistance as he staked a late claim to be included in their ICC Trophy side. He made a determined 78, which lasted more than four hours, and was missed off ultra-cautiously, with only 16 batted correctly and calmly until Eute am out Extras (b 2, w 4, mb 23).

exuded defiance through 38 Umpires: R Tiffin and D Suchet.

ENGLAND A: First innings 329 for 5 dec (J J Whitzker 188, G P Thorpe 55).

BOWLING: Dube 12-2-21-0; Crod 5-1; Du Presz 4-0-15-0.

# Pienaar is replaced by de Villiers

Kent have signed Petrus against them for South Africa Kent have signed retrus
"Fanie" de Villiers, aged 23, a recently.
Tansvaal, as a replacement for Roy Pienaar, his fellow-South
African who will not be returning to the county because of knee trouble.

Kent announced at their Christopher Cowdrey, the Kent captain. said that the unofficial England team rated de Villiers more highly than Allan Donald when he played

Kent announced at their AGM on Tuesday evening that the loss of £2,981 they incurred last year was largely attributable to increases of £65,175 in salaries, £22,524 in match expenses and £22,796 in administration.

The club has launched a £500,000 appeal to build a new cricket centre at Canterbury, which will be called the Ames-Levitt indoor school after two famous Kent wicketkeepers. A sum of £100,000 has been raised already and it is boped it will be ready for use in the winter of 1992.

● Glamorgan are still expecting that Vivian Richards, the West Indies captain, will join them next month.

**YACHTING** 

Steinlager

cruising

in control

By Barry Pickthall

After Peter Blake and his crew aboard the New Zealand maxi.

Steinlager 2, reeled off another 245 miles yesterday, opening up

a 23-mile advantage over the nearest opposition during the fifth stage of the Whithread Round the World Race, their

rivals were left guessing just what they can do to counter the

superiority of the big red ketch.

Before the start, Blake said he

would be sailing with extreme

care to conserve the 28-hour lead built up over the fleet during the first four legs of this race. Yet here he is, setting a

Rubbing salt in their wounds,

LEADING POSITIONS (compiled at 13:31

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Wet conditions after mixture of snow and rain
Gstaad 0 25 slush varied closed fohn 16 14/3
Recent rain has caused conditions to deteriorate
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Snow conditions on piste remain good but with some icy and bare patches on lower slopes
Verbier 0 220 good varied closed cloud 10 20/3
Skiing heavy on new wet snow and best on Mont Fort
Wengen 0 80 fair heavy closed cloud 13 14/3
Reasonable skiing on Punchbowl, bare patches on all south-facing slopes seemingly effortless pace once more, leaving his nearest rivals, Grant Dalton's Fisher & Paykel, and Merit, skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, to scrap it out for second place. Blake said that they had not seen another yacht since last Sunday.

south-facing slopes matt 15 180 fair heavy closed cloud 12 20/3 New snow above 2,500m, runs to village now closed in the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

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park open; tows, Coire Cas operating,
Glentalines; snow level, 2,400ft; vertical
runs, nil. Runs; no snow; chairlifts and
tows, all closed. Annach more; snow level, 2-bout; or water runs, 1,400ft. Runs: upper, complete; jower, very limited; access roads oper; gordola Rt. snowpoose chalfift and tows, all closed. Very windy. Gleacest snow level, 2,200ft; versical runs, 1,100ft; ac-

Forecast: Glenshee will be dry with sumy intervisis. Calmgorn, Lecht, Glen-coe and Acasch Mor will lave some sun, but showers, heavy at times, will predomi-rate. The freezing level will be 3,000th/kin showers talking as snow above 2000ft. Whots will be west north westerly strong to gole force.

Information supplied by the Scottish
 Meteorological Office.

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wantster 186, G P Horpe 56).

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J Rhodes not out
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in the other, Abban, the excellent Caterham wing, was injured by a high tackle and taken to hospital for a precautionary X-ray; his team did well to continue in command, accounting for Tonbridge, for whom Maddison played consistently well, with surprising ease. Caterham's presence during yesterday's play was noteworthy in itself. Beaten by Douai in their qualifying group, they were reconciled to departure from the tournament, when Douai, who

Dy CONVEYTING.
CATERHAM: T Maynard, D Edwards, J
Lee, CB Amaning: H Jayaweera, D Maler,
S Scott.
SEVENOAKS: J Brearley, O lobal, T
Payton, J Hoed; M Gibbey, M Van Basien,
S Tubb. had won all their matches. **SEVENS RESULTS** 

Festival Tournament Past Round Communication Communication

Late results on Tuesday Lete resides on Tuesday
GROUP A: St Paris 16, Welbeck 4; Essbourne 22, Windsor GS 10; King's, Taurton-4,
Essibourne 14; Windsor GS 8, Welbeck 22,
Group winners: Essibourne.
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12, Ryde 10; Bearwood 8, Shebbeer 18; Ryde
4, Rossell 22, Group winners: Rossell
GROUP 9; Hereford Cathedral 4, Blocham 8;
Ashville 25, Dema Alice Owen 4; Ardingly 10,
Ashville 14; Desne Alice Owen 6; Blocham 2;
Group winners: Blochem.
COMED N Kelb 14. Steepford 15; Demander. 4: Epsoin 24, Seanauro 4. Erigley Park 0; Christ, Srecon 10, Durham 16; Orabry 16, Christ, Srecon 30; Ourham 16; Orabry 14. Group Wassers: Severoels.

GROUP P. Prior Park 10, Mill Hill 4; Sherbome 16; Worth 10; Barnard Casile 18, Sherbome 16; Worth 14, Mill Hill 4; Group wissers: Prior Park.

ress. GROUP G: Lord Wandsworth 12, Brighton 20; Bedford Modern 18, Austin Friers 0; Tsunton 8, Bedford Modern 14; Austin Friers 0,

aggreen 14. Grouten Comba 10. Oskham 8; Whoteleon College 20. Christ's Hospital 6; Monmouth 16, Montdon Comba 6; Cakham 24. Carist's Hospital 0. Group winterst Monmouth. Moranoush.
GROUP C: Queen's, Taurton 0, Wycliffe 28;
Berkhamstad 12. Colle's 10; Wallington
College 22. Queen's, Taurton 0; Wycliffe 16,
Colle's 8. Greep wissers: Wycliffe
GROUP P: Douel 12, Wellington School 14;
Marthorough College 12, Calenhairt 26; Landing
6. Douel 4. Wellington School 10,
Caterhain 28. Greep wissers: Caterhair.

Brighton 24. Group winners: Bedford Modern.
GROUP H: Bristol GS 20, Dean Close 10: Hurstplerpoint 6, Ipswich 16: Ipswich 18, Dean Close 12: Haberdasiners' Aske's 14, Hurstplerpoint 20, Group winners: Ipswich.
GROUP 2: Rugby 12, King's, Worcester 18: Duhisch 24, Rutish 12; Lord Williams's, Thame 0, Duhisch 18: Rutish 5; King's, Worcester 40. Group wieners: King's, Worcester 40.

Waybridge O, Bromagrove Js. Group warmers: Bromagrove.
GROUP L: Bryenston 40, William Hulme's GS O; St. Edward's, Oxford' 14, Stomers 12; St. John's, Leatherhead 12, Bryanston 13; Welliam Hulme's GS O, Scienter's 14, Group winners: Bryanston.
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ban rules Hall out of club tour

Additional

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

The additional 30 days which Somerset's disciplinary com-mittee added on Tuesday to the 60-day ban already imposed on John Hall by Bath, his club, means that he will miss the club tour to Australia in August, as well as the first week of the new

Hall, the former England flanker, who was sent off for the second time in five months against Plymouth Albion, said was "bitterly disappointed at the additional suspension. "I at the additional suspension. "I felt 60 days would have been fair." he said after the bearing "especially when you consider I have only been sent off twice in my whole career."

Indeed, Bath will be glad to put this week behind them so.

that players and club can conthat players and clue can con-centrate on Saturday's Pil-kington Cup semi-final against Moscley. Should they win, then Hall would not be available for the final on May 5. The club's ban would have ended the previous week, but the extra ban has now ruled him out.

Jeremy Guscott's demotion from the first XV has been another unsettling factor for the

cup holders, though entirely of their own doing. Wisely, Guscott was holding his counsely yesterday against questions connecting him with rugby league; he has turned down several offers in the past 18 months — one from St Helens reportedly as high as £250,000— and Gooff Sutcliffe, the Lag-cashire club's secretary, said yesterday that the situation was unchanged.

"When we met Jerry he made quite clear he wasn't in terested in joining us." Sutcliffe said, "and so far as we are concerned the situation hasn't changed." That, of course, may not deter others from trying their luck.

Meanwhile, there are sign that Bath's already-strong squad is to be strengthened. Jim Fallon, the Richmond wing, is expected to train at the Recreation Ground next week, and two more members of England's development squad Graham Childs and John Locke. have been linked with them. Childs, the Northern centre.

try, a vastly-improved playing surface at Franklin's Gardens, a

plans for the expansion of seated

and standing accommodation to

cope with the swelling member-

at the club, notably, the loose-head prop. Vasey Pocklington, responded with positive chal-

lenges for places, was a vital

plank in Corless's new role. As

an employee of the club, he was able to watch players, and carry out his duties as the public

"The important thing now,

ship are in hand.

relations officer.

UNIVERSITIES ATRILETIC LITERATE Reed-Daumter (Southampton): P Hopkins (Swarsea), M Birt (Notingham), A Jackson (Notingham), A Davies (Cardiff), M Yendie (Swansea), R Liley (UMIST): C Costes (Cardiff), M Petion (Cardiff), B Jones (Loughborough), P Thresher (Cardiff), D Jones (Loughborough), P Thresher (Cardiff), G Teylor (Loughborough, captain), E Peters (Loughborough). is due to play in New Zealand join the drift south, while Locke

# is nearly complete

team to meet Wales in the Students' Match at West Hartle-

pool on April 3 were on view but two of them. Shortland and Pepper, both from Leeds Poly-technic, made their presence

rigorously feit. Shortland deputized as cap-

tain for Moon, injured playing for Neath the previous evening.

and limitless possession from

The Polytechnics had begun

with Gregory missing two angled penalty attempts but Jackman, his successor as goalkicker, was soon bisecting the posts with metronomic timing and landed four kicks out of six.

with two tries.

Polytechnics' delight tempered

albeit without their own Welsh

contingent, did much as they liked and the victory margin

Their latest crop of players includes Jackman, a Brad-fordian back home briefly from

his studies in Plymouth. He scored 14 points with reliable

goalkicking, together with a try from a short pass, after a scrum, by the purposeful Saverimutto.

Jackman scored the first of the Polytechnics' three staccato

tries in the opening 14 minutes of the second half when they turned with the wind at their backs. The size of the Polytechnics' lead destroyed their

ambition and the UAU stirred belatedly with the final try by

slipped up in their last game and

Caterham eased into the knock-

out through the back door on

points difference. Yesterday they improved with every match.

In the final, Caterham, clearly

the pacier team, drew first blood

when their hooker, running like a class wing, appreciated the

hint of an overlap and raced in

lowed and Amaning converted.

They led 14-0 at the interval through the exciting acceleration of their outstanding player,

the lanky Lee who deceived the

opposition, not for the first time, into thinking he was in top gear before touching the accel-

erator and going away for a

superb try.

Sevenoaks had the spirit to

score three good second-half tries through Hoad, Tubb and Payton, but Caterham had put

the issue beyond doubt when

Maynard, who had gone on the

wing when Abban was injured in the semi-final, scored a fine try

and Amaning surprised himself

Caterham on top

via the back door

could have affected the semi-finals. Burke, the England 18 the impressive Edwards fol-

scarcely flattered them.

By Michael Austin

British Polytechnics .... 22

The British Polytechnics tempered delight in achieving their biggest win in the fixture's 15-

year history with the sobering knowledge that the Universities

Athletic Union (UAU) were sorely below strength at Morley

esterday. First-choice Welsh players

were absent because of tomor-row's meeting with the Irish Universities and several auto-

matic choices from Lough-borough, notably their front

row, were resting after a heavy schedule.

The knockout stages of the

Rosslyn Park national schools sevens festival tournament

threw up a highly entertaining

but surprise winner when Caterham came through, it seemed from nowhere, to defeat

Sevenoaks in an entertaining

final, scoring two goals and two

Two unfortunate injuries

Group stand-off half, went off

with a suspected torn calf liga-

ment and must be counted

comewhat doubtful for England's first match on March 31. This did not aid Epsom's pros-

pects in surviving against a Sevenoaks team that came from

behind to snatch a place in the

tries to three tries.

RUGBY UNION

By Owen Jenkins

The Welsh Rugby Union's investigation into the involvement of its players and committee men in last summer's South African Rugby Board centenary celebrations is coming to its close.

The investigative committee of Vernon Pugh, Glyn Morgan, John Evans and Des Barnett was set up to look into the points raised by David East, the former WRU secretary, on his resignation. East was unhappy at the way in which players ar administrators were invited and the union by-passed.
Clive Rowlands, the WRU

president, also resigned over the affair but later withdrew his resignation. However, R. H. Williams, then junior vice-president, Terry Vaux and Gwilym Trebarne, both International Board representatives, were forced to resign. And the WRU severed its links with South Africa at a special general

meeting in October.

Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said: "It's getting close to the end. The players have been interviewed and chatted to and there can't be more than one or two other people the committee needs to see. It should be over very soon; I would say a matter of weeks."

The committee, which started its investigations in January, will present its findings to Evans, who will then report to the union's general committee and any recommendations will be discussed and acted upon. have clear lines of communication to confirm the proper way things are carried out. • The Weish Rugby Union are

hoping to appoint neutral touch judges for league matches in the top divisions. If a shortage of referees prevents this happening next season, clubs can use their own linesmen as long as there is no hint of bias.

• The England stand-off half, Rob Andrew has been moved to the centre by Wasps for Sat-urday's home match with London Scottish because he will be unable to fill the No. 10 shirt in the league game at Bristol the following week, when he will be in action at the Hong Kong Sevens. The London club want to give his young stand-in. Guv Gregory, an extra outing at stand-off to prepare for the Bristol match.

# SA inquiry Northampton are tilting for glory

By David Hands

Revolutions are supposed to come in two varieties: bloody or bloodless. Quite how North-ampton members view theirs of two years ago may depend upon whether they were old or new guard, but it is safe to say that neither side could have predicted that, in less than two years, "the Saints" would be tilting at the first division and playing, as they do on Saturday, in their first cup semi-final.

ri Thomeycroft (Notingham): G Gregory (Sheffield), C Saverimento (Shefield); J Groome (Management)

The priority of the new offi-cers and committee installed after the 1988 annual meeting, which swept away their prede-cessors by 228 votes to 76, was clear: "We are all busy men, so we had to get someone in to run the club," Roger Horwood, the secretary, said. Hence the appointment of Barrie Corless as Northampton's first pro-fessional administrator, but his initial seek was in a sense initial task was, in a sense, negative; it was to ensure that the club did not suffer relegation to the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship.

His success in that respect is evidenced by Northampton's standing today: they lead the second division with only an away match against Gosforth and a home match with Rugby to come, and have advanced to the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup against Gloucester after leaving Leicester, rivals over the last 110 years and themselves renowned cup exponents, strug-

gling in their wake. That, though, is not all; the seven-man consortium which engineered Northampton's revvances on and off the field go hand in hand. So the new committee has worked to imwhatever happens on Saturday, is to stabilize ourselves," Corless said. "If we get into the first division we want to be sure we stay up, like Saracens and Rosslyn Park, not go back down after a season like Liverpool St Helens or as Bedford seem likely to do. That means strengthening the squad. The first-team pool of players is not big enough to cope with injuries.

● David Woodrow will miss Northampton's semi-final at home to Gloucester on Saturday. The former Oxford University centre had an arthroscopy on Tuesday, so Peter Moss plays in the centre. Pocklington will undergo a fit

Pockington will undergo a fit-ness test tonight.

NORTHAMPTON: I Hunter: F Packman, P Moss, J Thame, B Ward: J Steele, D Eldington, O Pockington or N Fox, D Frankland, G Pearce, P Pask, C Hall, N Dyte, P Alston, T Rodber.

• London Scottish, who will be promoted to the second division. of the Courage Clubs Championship next season, will pre-pare with a six-match tour of Namibia in August. They will be based in Windhoek, and will play the Namibian national

#### Romanian visit agreed The British Police have been

invited to visit Romania in May, partly as an expression of support and sympathy for those who died in the recent revolu-tion, and partly to play two games. These will be against a regional team in Constanta, and the national XV in Bucharest on May 13 (David Hands writes). The Police, whose next game is their annual meeting with the Combined Services at Imber Court on April 11, hope to be ing the week-long visit.

international players - there were three policemen in the England squad for the match against Scotland — but that depends on availability, given that they have had such short notice. The tour organizers are also hopeful of obtaining sponsorship, both to support the cost of the trip and to enable them to distribute medical supplies and sports equipment dur-

**GOLF** 

#### Brown back on a tricksy course with new irons of the par fours measures more

From Mel Webb Florence -

that a competition for a cup

the competition twice. Nobody quite knows what happened to the noble lady's lump of silverware. Not that it matters, particularly, because Vijay Singh, for one, is probably more interested in the £33,330

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Nobody, either, thought to ask the Fijian yesterday what he knew about Princess Sophie or The notice giving details of the spring meeting of Florence Golf more interested in knowing Club in 1908 told the members what he thought of the tricksy little course upon which he was presented by one Princess about to unleash his consid-Sophie Strozzi would be re-erable power, which helped him tained by the winner if he won win this tournament in its first year at Is Molas, in Sardinia, last

> Singh was, truth to tell, a little disappointed. "It's no course for the longer hitter," he said.
> "Everything is a driver and a little flick."
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> Head here, was beaten by the little fire, and Langer in a play-off for the longer hitter, he said.
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> Brown has had what describes as a "disappoint describes

than 400 yards. But that does not mean that, even with a generous par of 72, it is without its problems. It is built on rolling hills high above the city, and many are the second shoots which will have to be teeled with the well above.

be tackled with feet well above or below the ball. All of which will be remembered well by Ken Brown, who, the last time a tournament was held here, was beaten by Bern-hard Langer in a play-off for the

form to the new rules governing square grooves, he had them worked on before the European Tour season started by Jim Fleet, a member of his club at Trouble was, although the 0.004in that the skilful Fleet

shaved off the clubs made them legal, it also added more loft. But now the former Ryder Cup player has a new set of irons, which, having been regripped, he pronounces just right". He further predicts that

almost an endangered species in non-major events in American golf now that Sandy Lyle is the only representative of the Old World who is still a full and active member of the US Tour (John Ballantine writes from Orlando, Florida). Even he is doing badly at present.

So the sight of not only Lyle but of seven members of that band of brothers" who saw the Americans off for the third time Americans on for the third time running in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry last September playing in the Nestlé Invitational tournament starting here today will gladden the hearts of the host. Vijay Singh, for one, is probably more interested in the £33,330

"Everything is a driver and a that awaits the winner of this year's Volvo Open title, the defence of which he starts on the Ugolino course near here today.

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Halifax Town, of the fourth division, yesterday became the 27th Football League club to part company with their that the company with the company with their that the company with the ger this season when Billy Ayre resigned.

shire club shortly after the home defeat by Lincoln City on Tuesday — Halifax's fifth consecutive League defeat.

After the game, a section of the 1,423 crowd staged a demonstration, demanding changes at both managerial and boardroom level. But Jim Brown, the Halifax chairman, was adamant that the impromptn protest had not in-fluenced Ayre's decision to seek the immediate cancella-

tion of his contract. erated on by both parties for acumen. some considerable time, and

"I was particularly upset by this club and, as far as I am name. I would like to stress to those people involved that Ayre took the decision to what they did had absolutely ever his ties with the York- no bearing at all on the

> Ayre, a former Halifax player, was appointed manager at The Shay in December

months ago, a position which he also relinquished yesterday. Brown paid tribute to on of his contract. him, praising him for his "The decision was delib- considerable business

# Stevens completes Hearts and Portsmouth move

Gary Stevens will today com- third division, joined Northplete his £250,000 transfer to ampton from Fortuna Dussel-Portsmouth. Tottenham dorf in the 1988 close season, having spent four years in West femder, who is on a third month Germany, initially playing with on loan with the second division club, was set to make the move permanent last week after

ing a medical.

The trouble was that Portsmouth could not get him in-sured because of the legacy of a back operation two years ago. The problem has since been soried out and the deal can go ahead. Stevens, aged 27, said: "Spurs had no trouble in getting me insured so I could not understand what the fuss was about I injured to the badle." about. I injured my knee badly 16 months ago but that is fully healed and I have never had any trouble with my back since the

Stevens, capped six times by England for whom he appeared in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico, had a back fusion operation similar to that carried out on Ian Botham and claims it vas a complete success. I have had a job convincing people I no longer have an injury problem. The move to Pompey should give the chance to start afresh

and relaunch my career."

Another former Tottenham player. John Chiedozie, was also on the move yesterday. Chester-field have signed the Nigerian forward from his original club, had a month's loan at Old Notts County, to reinforce their Trafford at the end of last year. fourth division promotion challenge. Chiedozie, aged 29, who has recovered from a knee injury, has been signed until the deal — the same money Southend of the season with a view to end paid Chester in November making the move permanent during the summer.

County promptly signed the goalkeeping cover problem yesNorthampton Town midfield terday when they signed the player. Dean Thomas, for £175,000. Thomas who is regoalkeeping cover problem yesterday when they signed the Bury reserve goalkeeper, Aidan Davison, until the end of the garded by the County manager, Neil Warnock, as the best left-sided midfield player in the with Leyton Orient.

1986, in succession to Mick Jones, who vesterday left Blackpool to take up the post County, of the third division. Ayre was appointed manag-ing director of Halifax 13

"I have great respect for we felt it was in the best him both as a manager and as

Germany, initially playing with

It is the second six-figure signing County have made in

the space of seven days - last

week they spent £150,000 on the

West Bromwich Albion for-ward, Kevin Bartlett.

On Saturday, Thomas may well face lain Ferguson, the

former Scotland and Rangers'

until the end of the season. They have given Nista a contract but

are able only to include him in

friendly fixtures at this stage.

The Leeds secretary, David Dowse, said that Leeds were

not yet received an answer to

Les Sealey, Luton Town's transfer-listed goalkeeper, is joining Manchester United on loan as cover for Jim Leighton

Southend United in a £25,000

1988 for the big forward. Chester also solved their

# **Rangers** reprieved

concerned he performed mir-

Although the appointment

imminent, Gerry Brook, the

youth-team coach, is expected to be placed in charge of first-

team affairs until after the

field on Saturday.

Would-be Watford managers need not bother applying

until May, the second division

following the sacking of Steve Harrison on Tuesday. "We

will not be advertising the post

other clubs or any individ-uals," Eddie Plumley, the Watford secretary, said. "Colin Lee has been ap-

pointed caretaker team man-

season. The situation will be reviewed in May and not

Rangers and Heart of Midlo-thian were yesterday let off the hook by the Scottish FA (SFA) after an investigation into an allegedincident at Tynecastle was dropped due to insufficient The Hearts captain, Dave Mc-

Pherson, and Graeme Souness, the manager of Rangers, were reported to have clashed in the players' tunnel after Rangers' 2-I victory on December 2.

The incident has been probed

forward who has agreed to an extended loan with County's opponents. Bristol City, from Heart of Midlothian with a view disciplinary committee says it has decided with "the greatest reluctance" to simply note the to signing permanently.

Leeds United have signed matter as its investigations failed to turn up conclusive proof of a fracas. Alessandro Nista, aged 25, a former Italian under-21 international goalkeeper, from Pisa.

A spokesman for the SFA saidyesterday that information requested from Souness and McPherson had not been forthcoming, and that as a result the committee was no further for-ward in determining what had seeking clearance from the Ital-ian FA to include Nista in competitive matches but had

He added that the committee had expressed concern about the lack of co-operation from the clubs involved, but felt there would be no useful purpose in demanding personal appearances from the central figures in the incident.

Meanwhile, the SFA is con tinuing its investigations into another incident involving Souness during another game against Hearts, at Ibrox on

Television clearly showed the Rangers manager shouting to his players from the tunnel, includes that particular area of

the ground.
The SFA is "concerned" at the breach of the ban, and has asked the club to ensure the nunishment is observed properly. It also intends to take another look at the matter

# All going wrong for Wright

lan Wright, the Crystal Palace and England B forward, is likely to miss the remainder season after breaking his left leg 19 minutes from the end of the 1-1 draw against Derby County at Selhurst Park on Tuesday. Wright, aged 26, was making his fifth appearance after a six-week absence with a cracked shin.

"lan was kicked on the same spot on the same leg." Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, said. Four minutes after Wright's exit. Gray headed Palwright's exit. Gray neaded Pal-ace ahead only for Mark Wright to equalize for Derby. While Wright went to Harley Street yesterday for further examination. Coppell intensified his search for replacements for his struggling side, already beset by series of injuries and due to face Liverpool in the FA Cup semi-finals on April 8.

Liverpool's championship rivals. Aston Villa, could also only draw 1-1, at Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday night. Yet in the event, Villa were happy to settle for a point, Nielsen equalizing after Clarke put QPR ahead.

Sourcessive seasons with a 2-1 home win against West Bromwich Albion, Bull re-kindling his England ambitions by scoring one of the goals against his

in coma

Mark Goult, the Norfolk boxer.

was seriously ill in hospital last night after undergoing brain

night after undergoing main surgery soon after outpointing Danny Porter over 10 rounds and winning the Southern Area bantamweight championship at the Norwich Sport Village on Tuesday night.

A £52 million golf complex on the banks of Loch Lomond in Scolland, designed by the former Open champion. Tom Weiskopf, has officially entered the running for the 1993 Ryder Crp. it is not due for completion until July next year.

Video proof

Oldham have protested to the Rugby League about an incident in Sunday's win over Runcorn which left Keith Atkinson, for-

ward, with a badly bruised jaw.

Tony Barrow, coach, has sent a video film and said: "It was a

blatant foul yet the player responsible was never even

First in

Champion Sprinter back

Leeds United proved far too good for Sunderland at Roker Park where a goal from Sterland proved decisive in a 1-0 win for the leaders, which stifled the hosts' own promotion push.

After cantering through much of the season, Swindon Town appear to be faltering as they enter the final furlong of the race for first division places. Sat-urday's surprising home deleat by Hull City was followed by a 1-0 setback at Ipswich Town on Tuesday night, a goal from Dozzell doing the damage. Oldham Athletic had no such

problems. An emphatic 4-0 home victory against Bournemonth indicates that their horizon embraces more than just the Littlewoods and FA Cups.

Welverhampton Wanderers revived their hopes of becoming the first team to rise from the fourth to the first division in

East Berlin (Reuter) - Heike Drechsler, long jump and sprint medal winner for East Germany at the Seoul Olympes, plans a

comeback after taking time off to have a baby and further her

Wales beat Scotland 123-107 in the women's international in-door bowls series at Margate

vesterday, leaving England, un-defeated, as the favourites to retain the championship. Scot-

land, who play England today fell away against Wales after leading for over half the match,

An avalanche has saved the final

event of the World Cup ski jumping season at Planica. Yugoslavia "A huge avalanche

roared down the mountain and delivered more snow than we need." the organizer of next weekend's two-day contest, said.

Emosi Koloto, Widnes forward,

will make a personal appearance

before the Rugby League disci-

plinary committee today to

appeal against being sent off at Leigh on Sunday.

Koloto plea

**Event saved** 

teaching studies.

Scots fade

dated their position above both Wolves and Oldham with a 2-0 win against Portsmouth, but

Blackburg Rovers consoli-

Stoke Čity look increasingly like spending next season in the third division, a 0-0 draw at Hull City leaving them stuck firmly to the bottom of the second. Middlesbrough reduced their chances of meeting the same fate by winning 2-1 at Plymouth Argyle, who are in trouble themselves. Bristol City once again leap-

frogged above Tranmere Rovers at the top of the third, thanks to a 5-0 win at Swansea City with three goals from Taylor.

Maddison. Southampton's promising young midfield player broke his leg during a reserve match. Maddison, aged 20, was carried off during his team's 3-1 win against Norwich City. Maddison had only recently returned to full fitness after a lengthy absence with knee trouble.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

CHALLENGE MATCH: Manchester Spartans 32, Oragon Ali-Stars (US) 22 (at Hyde Uid FC).

BASKETBALL

MATIONAL ASSOCIATION (MBA): Indiana Pacers 112, Milemi Heat 98: Orlando Magic 121, New York Kritchetpoclass 118, Chicago Bulle 122, Westwardon Bullets 97: Portland Trailbacers 120. Houston Rockets 110: Deriver Potterne 173. Minesakae Bucks 98; Deriver Muggets 119, Los Angeles Ciopers 112: San Arguno Spurs 128, Seettle Super-Sonics 108: Golden State Warnors 105: Affineseda Timberwiches 101: Los Angeles Lakers 109, Charlotte Hornets 97.

BOWLS

MARGATE: Women's Indoor Home Inter-national championships: England 149, Iro-land 75 (English skips Brat): M Price bt N Alely, 38-9; Et Logan bt D Turner, 19-17; I Mohreux lost to N Gibson, 18-17; E Subbrings th M Marth, 28-6; M Seele bt M Johnson, 25-9, N Shalv bt E Bell, 20-16. COUNTY MATCHES: Cultorishing 137, Somerset 100: Wilshing, 87 Middlesen, 133.

BOXING

MARTLEPOOL: World Beeing Council inter-national featherweight championable (12 mds): John Davison (SS) ko Sracon Karactawar (Tha, holder). Sor md. Super-teatherweight (4 mds): Donanc McGusgan (Newcastle) chew with Franke Foster (Newcastle). Hearyweight (5 mds): Manny Burgo (North Shelos) to Neil Malpass (Doncester), rsc 3rd md.

CYCLING

CATALAM WEEK: Second stage (Lenda to Andorra la Vella, 183km); 1. P Dalgado (Sol. 4tr 48min 20sec; 2. T Rominger (Switz; 3. I Gaston, same bma; 4. R Alcala (Mex), at 8sec; 5. L Rocsen (Bet), same bme; 6. J Koom (Nor), at 35; 10. S Roche (Ere), same bme, Lasdera

after two stages: 1, Gaston, 77v 54mm 31sec; 2, Romanger, at 6sec. 3, Alcaia, at 9; 7, Roche, at 34,

#### terday. Wiesner, of Austria, beat the No. 4 seed, Manuela Maleeva, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 to reach Becker, the No. 2 seed, and Brad Gilbert, the No. 4 seed, Agassi's **SWIMMING**

# Sprinters at the ready

Three clubs with several international competitors in their Woodcock and Martin Harris; Tim Jones and Guy Bulpitt lead squads could dominate the 1990 Speedo Fast Water meeting at Barnet. north London, this weekend (Craig Lord writes). Madeleine Scarborough, a Commonwealth Games bronze

If the Andre Agassi revival

continues through the spring, Wimbledon could get a last-minute request for a wild card

from the young American. Agassi's usual response to ques-

tions about when he will play Wimbledon again is to shrug and mutter about having "plenty of time". But, after

narsson to reach the fifth round of the Lipton International,

Agassi said that he might yet try

to get in through the back gates

of the All England Club.
"If I'm feeling really strong, I

could go and play. But a lot depends on how I feel after the

French, I don't think I will come to a decision until after the six-

week period for entry has ex-

pired, so I'll have to ask for a wild card," he said.

Agassi has not played at Wimbledon since 1987 when he

was beaten in the first round and there is no guarantee that he will

be granted a wild card even if he asks for one. Wild cards are

usually reserved for players not able to qualify through their rankings — Pat Cash, for exam-ple — and the Wimbledon

committee are not going to fall

over themselves to welcome Agassi, pink and black shorts

me one anyway." Agassi said. With the departure of Boris

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Cumnor House Preparatory School 87-4 dec: Sydney Charch of England Grammer School 80. Cumnor House won by 7

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Dnepropetrovsk (USSR) 0, Bentica 3 (agg: 0-

4). CUP WHENERS' CUP: Quarter-finel, second les: Parazan Belgrade O. Dynamo Bucharest

leg: Parszan Belgrade D. Dymanic Endemand 2 (agg: 1-4).
2 (agg: 1-4).
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Apolicin D. Late results on Tuesday
BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Crystal
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Portsmouth D. Hull D. Stoke 0: Ipsnich 1,
Swindon D. Oldham 4, Bourhermouth 0,
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nampton 2. West Brom 1.
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Campsby 3. Scarborough 0. Hastas 0. Lincoin 1. Harmapoo 3. Burnisy 0. Southerd 2.
Herstond 0. Torquay 3. Cambridge 0.
CMI VALDURALL CONFERENCE: Altrinston 0. Burlington 1; Chorley 1. Stations Rangers 1;
Fartborough Town 1, Fisher 1; Tellord 1,
Yaoul 1.

780/91 1.

2 SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Alica C. Fafork C. Second division: Dumbarton 3. East String C.

GOLF

"They probably won't grant

and all, back to the fold.

medal winner, and Grant Robins head the Portsmouth team; Barnet hope to cheer the home crowd with Mark Foster, also a bronze medal winner in Auck-land. Kathy Read, Caroline

the City of Birmingham squad.

Flying Frenchman: Fleurian on the way to beating Becker - and tearing up an airline ticket

Wimbledon may be a target

as Agassi continues revival

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, Key Biscayne

Becker's was the most surprising defeat, not because he has been

playing blisteringly good tennis this week, but because his conqueror, Jean Fleurian, has spent most of his five-year

career in the backwaters of the

game, showing little of the form which blew the world champion

out of the third round.

In a sport based on ego,
Fleurian showed a touching lack

moved out of the shadows of his

countrymen, Noah and Leconte,

the tall Parisian replied: "I think

I'm almost their equal now."

The accent was on the almost. Fleurian has now had to change

because of rain, once because of

beating Becker.

Apart from Fleurian, ranked
No. 46 in the world, Bryan
Shelton and Mark Kratzmann

are the most notable gate-crashers in the fourth round.

Both are qualifiers and Kratz-

mann, who has enjoyed a resur-gence in his singles career this

year, reaching the semi-finals in Philadelphia last month, saved

seven match points in his final qualifying match against Greg

an Emburgh. Judith Wiesner and Nathalie

Tauziat were the first two into the women's semi-finals yes-

half of the draw has opened up. her first important semi-final

of faith in his own capabilities. beating Jennifer Capriati, but

while Tauziat, the No. 9 seed, beat the West German, Claudia

French girl now meets Monica Seles, who is beginning to show a glimpse of last year's form. It is difficult to say her victory over

Nathalie Herreman was vintage

Seles, first because she did not

play that well, second because she is aged only 16. Herreman rose to brief prominence by

she never had the will or the legs

to repeat the dose against the

marginally more experienced and powerful Seles.

and powerful Seles.

RESULTS: Men: Second round: J Yzagar (Penu) bt G Connell (Carl), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6.

Third round: S Echery (Swe) bt A Manastor (Isa, 6-2, 6-1; A Volkov (USSR) bt R Reneberg (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; M Jathe (Arg) bt C Van Rensburg (SA), 4-8, 6-4, 6-4, 1 Land (Cz) bt M Filippini (Arg), 6-0, 6-2, C-J Steeb (WG) bt K Curren (US), 7-6, 6-6, 2-2, J Rasek (Switz) bt J Arese (Sp), 7-6, 6-2; B Shebton (US) bt J Tarango (US), 7-6, 6-6, 8-2; J Flausek (Switz) bt J Arese (Sp), 7-6, 6-8, 6-2; J Flausek (Switz) bt J Arese (Sp), 7-6, 6-8, 6-2; J Flausek (Switz) bt J Arese (Sp) bt H Skoff (Austria), 3-6, 5-5, 6-3; M Kratzmann (Rus) bt R Agence (Heisi), 7-8, 7-6; J Senger (US) bt R Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6; A Gomez (Sp) bt B Gibber (US), 6-3, 6-4; M Seles (Yug) bt R Pathenk (

Four other British teams will be joined by clubs from Sweden. France and The Netherlands in the senior and junior events.
The competition was devised to attract television coverage of swimming. Races in all strokes will be over 50 metres, a distance which was introduced for freestylers at the 1988 Olym-

(Badgeritore Pic) and S Lloyd (Pennard) to W Wookindge (Wentworth) and 8 Turner (Sumingdale Artisans), two holes: J Cohinghan (Sharwood Forest) and B Wishes (Notis) bt M Brownen (Sundridge Pic) and R Simmors (Teilidy Pic), 2 and 1: D Pugh (Juselwater) and M Walker (Warren) bt M Shoulder (Hol) and F Soeght (Swel), two holes; L Johnson and G Orr (Burhell) bt T O'Kaele and I Naylor (Selsdon Pic), 2 and 1: J Hall (Felostowe Ferry) and V Thomas (Pennard) bt A Draise (Musewell Hill) and J Paramour (Wentworth). 5 and 3: G Potter (Tenterder) and L Bachelor (Rochester and Cobham) bt 8 Marchbenk and W Marchbenk (Glienaegies), two holes; G Weimsely (Handley Common) and T Berry (Dulench and Systerham) bt 1 Marchbenk and W Marchbenk (Colonn) bt 8 Marchbenk and W Marchbenk (Colonn) and F Weimsel (Handley) bt N Barlon) bt 1 Marchbenk (Weinbesdon) and M Systerham) bt 1 Walker) (Weinbesdon) and M Systerham) bt 1 Walker) (Weinbesdon) and M Systerham) bt 1 Walker) bt 1 March (Passanghor), 4 and 2, 4 Johns (Boston) and H Dobson (Sunningdale) and S Holden (Passanghor), 4 and 3, 4 Johns (Roston) and H Dobson (Sunningdale) and S Holden (Passanghor), 4 and 3, 4 Johns (Roston) and P Barryam (Marloy bt N Barlon (Sunningdale) and S Holden (Passanghor), 4 and 2, 4 Johns (Roston) and P Roston) and P Roston (Sunningdale) and C Garler (Un-cohil bt D Dowling and K Lumi (Lunti), 3 and 2 Marchber (Mort), 3 and 1 T February (Wentworth) and A Lewester (Mort), 3 and 2 Marchber (Mort), 3 and 3 Marchber (Mort), 4 and 5 Harby (Mort), 3 and 5 Marchber (Mort), 4 and 5 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 6 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 7 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 8 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 7 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 8 Marchber (Mort), 5 and 6 Marchber (Mort), 5

Boat Race favourites looked very mediocre, with the national eight, starting at 45 to Oxford's 41, clearing them in 45 seconds and a length and a half ahead after the full minute. It was a sixminute race starting at Putney, and the squad crew steamed away to lead by some 3½ lengths

CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE (Montrose) bt K Brake (Sendiard Springs) and G Edmundo (Newthorn 1981), two holes; P Harrison and P Berber (Disbury) bt S Cipe (Orset) and P Berber (Disbury) bt S Cipe (Orset) and C Tucker, 6 sar 6 sign (North Wiles) and G Miles (Exceler) bt P Lene (West Harris) and K Hobson (Cooden Blacks), 3 and 2: J Prothon and P Debty (Stoneham) bt A Subbs and D Blaiserens if 19th; J Walshire (Hadheed) and P Selbon (Camberlay Hasti) bt A McLean (Duddingston) and K Bacter (Castewis), 3 and 2: Fourth resent Oil to the Control of the Control

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JAKAHTA: Indonesian Open chemplenship
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(US). T Mainte (Aus). 56: F Miscora (PM). C
Day (US). S Pleach (US). S Girn (Aus). F
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Chien Sung (Tawen). A Gillipan (Aus). Che
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(US). T Manoloc (Phil. Bellish some: 71: J
Sadington.

ICE HOCKEY

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Neath 51, Swenser, 11; Tradeger 6, South Wales Police 11; Abertillery 6, Bridgerd 9, Consected result: Northampton RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Featherstone Rovers 20, Wigen 26. SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Warrington 28. SQUASH RACKETS

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SPORTS COUNCIL CONFERENCE

### Fitness tests show pupils are not sufficiently active

British schoolchildren are not necessarily less fit than their predecessors, but are less active than they should be, a leading physical education lecturer said

Dr Neil Armstrong, the chair-man of the British Association of Sports Sciences, stressed the importance of children learning a health-related physical activity

that they enjoy. Fitness tests on 400 children carried out at Exeter University. search Centre, show no dif-ference in standards from a similar study performed in the United States 50 years ago. Until recent years there was no suitable research done on the fitness of the average British child, and Dr Armstrong told a seminar at the Sports Council's Recreation Management Con-ference: "There is no scientific

revidence that children are less fit than they used to be."

However, he did point out that experiments had also shown that 76.7 per cent of the boys and 87.7 per cent of the girls failed to exercise the heart sufficiently for even a sustained 20 minutes a week. This in-cluded PE lessons at school.

It is recommended that for a minimum basic level of cardio-vascular fitness, an individual should exercise the heart equivalent to brisk walking for at least 20 minutes — three times at least 20 minutes — three times a week. He said that teenage girls had particular problems getting sufficient exercise. getting sufficient exercise.

Dr Armstrong, a former England youth footballer, said that the place of team games had been over-emphasized in PE programmes and PE

Dr Armstrong added that it

was ridiculous to say that team games were competitive and other sports were not. He pointed out that many individual sports, which stress self-reliance and self-discipline, were inherently competitive, either with other people or with

Cricket can be justified in PE terms but not, he said, in raising fitness levels, because the game clearly makes only a limited contribution to cardiovascular endurance.

### Councils fear new law on tendering

Fears about the effects of new legislation on tendering were expressed yesterday by local Sports Council's conference. Alun Liewellyn, of Leicester City Council, and Hywel Grif-fiths, of Worthing Borough Council, received widespread support from fellow officers that Compulsory Competitive Ten-dering (CCT) would lead to indifference, restricted finance and fewer new facilities, when it omes law in April 1992.

on the millions of people who use facilities provided by local authorities. It is not privatizato run their own sports centres, swimming pools, running tracks and playing fields. They will continue to subsidize activities particularly for schools, clubs and disadvantaged groups.

However, the councils will have to agree a subsidy with a private company, which then

will earn its fee by cutting the local authority losses. Professor Allan Patmore, the vice-chairman of the Sports Council, said afterwards that he believed that CCT could work,

although there would have to be political and managerial will. Yet he warned: "An effective service can be efficient but an efficient service is not necessarily effective in its object of providing sporting opportu-nities for all."

Professor Patmore thought that the biggest threat to local sports provision from CCT would be the possible loss of integrated leisure departments whose overview role could disappear. He also thought that young recreation officers might be attracted to join the new private companies. He said that in the recent Inner City Report of the sports minister, to which Professor Patmore contributed, they saw plenty of facilities which were fully used, but some were not used to the maximus benefit of society.

**SNOOKER** 

#### Canadian team spirit too much for Scotland

debut for Canada, was more The formidable team spirit that than a match for him after losing has lifted Canada to four World Team Cup finals, including the first of their frames on the victory in 1982, surfaced once final pink. again at the £150,000 British Car Having watched Chaperon draw I-I with Rae and Thorburn finish level with Mac-

Rentals sponsored event in Bournemouth last night. Their trio of, Cliff Thorburn, the former world champion. champion, and Alain Robidoux who played a superb anchor role, defeated Scotland 5-3 to reach the semi-finals and leave the Scottish captain, Stephen Hendry apologizing to his team mates, John Rea and Murdo

Robidoux's performance in beating Hendry 3-1 was the key. The young Scot had defeated Tony Meo in the Continental

Airlines London Masters semi finals the previous night and did not reach Bournemouth until

Hendry was buoyed up by five individual titles this season, but

struggled badly today. I think I've let the other guys down and I need three or four days off."

RESILTS: Guerter-finale: Cenade by Scotland 5-3. Individual results (Cenade first): R Chapson and J Res chew, 1-1; C Thorburn and M Mecleod drew, 1-1; A Robidoux and S Hendry drew, 1-1; Robidoux bt Hendry, 2-0, TODAYS ORDER OF PLAY: Quarter-finals: (Dest of 9 frames) 2pm; Wales v Australia. 7pm; N Ireland v Rest of the World.

lead, Robidoux took his second

frame against Hendry 67-3. In

the next match Robidoux opened it with a 51 and then took the second 72-32 after

Hendry had missed his only real

Hendry said: "It has been a

hectic season because I'm not used to have such success but I

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Robidoux, who is making his

### Oxford are made to look mediocre Oxford's attempt to challenge the Great Britain national squad Head of the River crew mistired yesterday (a Special Corression, and working up to 38 from the University Stone to

Head of the River crew mistired yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). Suddenly the Boat Race favourites looked managed to close a little. To be

managed to close a little. To be beaten was in itself no disgrace. But for a crew tipped as red-hot favourites for next week's Boat Race, Oxford looked plodding and uninspired.

That, however, should not affect the Boat Race odds because Cambridge, half an Spin Cambridge 7.30cm and 3.30pm. Hammersmith Bridge

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Unification move Sydney (AP) — Jeff "Hit Man" Harding, the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, intends to start a campaign to unify the light-heavyweight title now claimed by four boxers. Three Americans currently hold the other cans currently hold the other



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# Taylor's grounds for hope and hope for grounds

"I am delighted," he said. "I thought it inappropriate for a judge to make a special recom- to cut tax on football pools of hooliganism. mendation on tax, but in my betting by 2.5 per cent will report I urged the case for provide the Football Trust reducing the pools betting tax to 40 per cent. I am very glad

would be done.
"With £100 million put towards them. I hope the ground improvement recommendations in my report will not founder. If they do, it certainly should not be because of lack of funds."

Government's announcement brought to a successful conclusion two months of lobbying by the football authorities. Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the League, met John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, two weeks ago to pave the way for the Budget sions. Yesterday said: "Every penny will be

The Chancellor's decision

Sandford said that his meet- you do well. ing with the Chancellor had played "a very small part" in securing the concessions for football but he acknowledged that the Taylor report had been a leading influence on the Government's decision.

"After writing to Mr Major, David Waddington, the Home Secretary, and Christopher Patten, the Minister for the Environment, asking for financial help at the beginning of March, I had a brief meeting with Mr Major but my voice was just one of many from within football," he said. has done is of far greater positively."

# A final ultimatum issued by Clough

By a Special Correspondent

ers were yesterday served advance notice from their manager, Brian Clough, that can't turn form off and on like unless they perform to their peak beforehand they will risk what they can do, right now. losing their Wembley places.

Clough issued his stern ultimatum after a run of only one win in the last four League games. His fear is that they could become the season's ultimate scalp, to be claimed by Oldham in the Littlewoods Cup final, and without the excuse of the Boundary Park claim as many of them as

y dooked a ucket fot Wembley, they can think . Discussions on the owagain," Clough said. "The only person certain of boarding the coach for the terday when Jack Hayward, Littlewoods Cup final is Al- the club president, flew in to bert Kershaw, and he'll be meet the present owner, Tony

can survive that long I'll be complete a £2 million takegoing, too. But, at the moment, there are 13 places on the team sheet up for grabs. No one is sure of a place. "If anyone thinks they can

hold something in reserve for the ground.

The Nottingham Forest play- the Cup final he can forget it. I don't believe it works that way and I wouldn't want it to. You that. They all have to show me

"Going to Wembley has not entered my mind since we beat Coventry in the semifinal. I will not tolerate it being in the minds of the players, not for one second.

"There are plenty of League coming weeks and we want to possible for a high finish. The "If anyone thinks they have sooner we get our act together

nership of Wolverhampton Wanderers took place yes-Gallagher. Hayward and his "He's definitely going. If I son Jonathan are ready to over to safeguard the future of Molineux. Gallagher's building company is ready to sell on the completion of their superstore project adjacent to

Lord Justice Taylor, whose From a position of insisting "When it comes to looking report on the Hillsborough that football be self-sufficient, at the history of football in 100 disaster led to the Govern- and attempting to impose a years' time, his report could ment's change of heart to- compulsory national member- well prove the most significant wards football, yesterday ship scheme on the sport, single happening. By con-welcomed the £100 million Westminster has suddenly centrating on the positive side concession announced in the adopted a paternalistic ap- and suggesting that facilities proach towards the national for spectators are improved, he reversed a regressive approach towards the problem

"Now our challenge is to implement Lord Justice Taywith about £100 million over lor's recommendations propfive years, helping clubs meet erly and see that the things that argument has prevailed. I one of the main recommenda-did wonder, in fact, frankly, I tions of Lord Taylor that are things of quality. My was very doubtful if anything stadiums should be all-seater. message to clubs is do what

> "I am very anxious that the money will not be wasted on temporary expedients which will just patch grounds up, only for the same problems to occur in 15 or 20 years. If new grounds are needed, this money should go towards their construction.

"I am determined that we will respond to the Budget by drawing up a total strategy with which to meet the requirements of the Taylor report. I asked the Government for help, they have given What Lord Justice Taylor it, so it is now up to us to react

> Sandford will advise the Government that there should be a presumption in favour of requests for planning per-mission involving football clubs. "It would be crazy if now we have the money to improve and build new grounds, we are not given

The Budget provision was also welcomed by Bill Fox, the League president. "We re-cently called for a spirit of cooperation between the Government and the national game," he said. "I am most encouraged that this latest move demonstrates a willingness on the part of the Government to respond along

Stuart Webb, the managing director of Derby County, urged that the money clubs received from television should be added to the £100 million gained from the Budget, increasing the total by another £50 million over five

Football receives £6.5 million a year in fixture fees received from the Pools Promoters Association, and a further £10 million a year via the Football Trust, which receives 21 per cent of the turnover from the spot-theball competitions run by Littlewoods, Zetters and



# A goalkeeping legend

Footballing contemporaries of Wolves centre half appeared Lev Yashin paid tribute to the legendary Soviet goalkeeper who died yesterday of stom-ach cancer. Yashin, who was regarded as the greatest goal-keeper of all time, was 60.

In a career that spanned from 1952-72, Yashin, who played for Moscow Dynamo, won 78 international caps, finals and in 1963 became the only goalkeeper to be named European Footballer of the Year. He had been unwell for some years and had a leg amputated six years ago

because of a thrombosis. The former England captain, Billy Wright, whose rivalry with Yashin dates to the 1950s, added: "It's a sad loss. Characters like Lev don't grow on trees." Wright met the giant Russian again earlier this year, when the former

on the television programme, This Is Your Life.

"He was the final guest and

there was a very warm feeling when I saw him again. It was n emotional occasion," Wright said. "Though he was obviously not very well he still had his sense of humour and he had learned one sentence of

"I think he was the greatest Continental goalkeeper of all time," the former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper, Bob Wilson, said. Wilson, who recently wrote about Yashin in a book on goalkeeping, said: "He is a legend. His name will live on for evermore. People would not expect Lev Yashin to be capable of making a mistake.

One of his few mistakes that Yashin did make probably, cost the Soviet Union the

World Cup final, in 1966. In the semi-final he misjudged a shot from Franz Beckenbauer, now the West German coach. who described Yashin yesterday "as a true legend whom children should immitate."

Former team-mates, opponents and modern-day goalkeepers all paid tribute to the man, who was also known as the Black Spider because of the manner in which he protected his goal as if it were giant web.

Born on October 12, 1929, Yashin was an ice hockey goalkeeper with Dynamo Moscow at the age of 16. taking to football only when the Dynamo Moscow football team lost its goalkeeper, Alexei Khomich to injury a year later. Yashin became the

full-time replacement in 1953. Obituary, page 14

# Italians worry over delays to World Cup

he was worried that preparations for the tournament handle hundreds of flights might not be ready for the carrying players and fans der. June start and that strikes ing the competition. could disrupt the competition.

Italia 90, the local organizing committee. said in a radio interview he was also worried by security problems, a reference to fears of violence by hooligans, especially from Britain and The Netherlands. He said many people had failed to live up to their undertakings over the competition. "An event of this kind gives a picture of the country we face everyday the efficiency of our services. bureaucracy, long procedures. inertia. A policy of postponement is predominant but this

event cannot be postponed." He said a strike among transport, hotel or tourist workers during the monthlong World Cup, starting on June 8, "would be a disaster for the image of Italy and also for the international image of Italian labour".

Trades unions have revoked a promise of a strike moratorium during the World Cup because of construction accidents that have killed 16

Montezemolo said there were delays to Naples stadium and that preparations at Rome's Olympic arena, where the final will be held on July 8. were "hanging by a thread". "A cause of considerable concern is the danger that the stadiums will not be finished

Rome (Reuter) — The Italian
World Cup chief. Luca Di
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 New York City and New Haven in Connecticut have Montezemolo, the head of formed an alliance to try to host part of the 1994 World Cup. The mayors of both cities said that as many as 250,000 visitors could attend the games and New York City would reap significant benefit because New Haven could not handle all the supporters.

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For the first time in its 64. year history, the World Cup will be held in the United States in 1994 and there is stiff competition for the privilege of hosting the event.

"In America, hundreds of thousands of children now participate in organized leagues," Mayor David Din-kins said. "Millions have learned to enjoy the sport by playing it.

"Millions more from New York. New Haven and other cities in our region grew up in nations where soccer is the national pastime. It is time to bring this audience a chance to see soccer at its finest,"

New Haven, the home of the Yale Bowi stadium, is 79 miles north of New York. The mayor of New Haven, John Daniels, said the Bowl has a great deal to offer the World Cup including more than 70,000 seats. "New York is the Big Apple and New Haven is in time to carry out a series of the Little Apple," Daniels

# Wembley win not a Brazil priority

Rio de Janeiro (Reuter) -Sebastiao Lazaroni, the Brazil football coach, announced a virtually full-strength squad of a strong team who will have 18 for the World Cup warm- enormous support. This is up match against England on March 28. Only Romario, the PSV Eindhoven forward, was facing after June 10." missing. He broke his leg early in March and could be out of

previous doubt because it was finals, they have scored away not sure whether his club, FC whose presence had been un- rest play in Europe. certain because of injury.

Lazaroni said victory

gins on June 10. "We will be playing against

extremly important because we know what we will be Brazil, unbeaten in their last

14 games, have not conceded a goal in their last five.Since qualifying for the World Cup wins against Italy and The Porto, would release him, was Netherlands Seven of the included along with Mozer, squad are Brazil-based; the

BRAZIL SQUAD: Goalkeet Lazaroni said victory against England at Wembley was not a priority. "This match is training for us. a chance to carry on our work," he said. "I take friendlies lightly. The important thing for me is the official com-

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# New lease of life for Waites

Golf Correspondent

Brian Waites, who will next month attempt to resurrect his career by overcoming Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino. yesterday edged closer to winning the Sunningdale golf foursomes when, with Janet Collingham, he moved into

Waites and Collingham, the former British match-play champion, proved a formidable partnership, both in the morning when they beat Michael Brosnan and Richard Simmons 2 and 1 and later when winning 3 and 2 against Denis Pugh and Mickey

On an overcast day the only gloomy feature of their game was their putting. Against Pugh and Walker they contrived to take three putts at the fifth, 10th and 12th and yet they were still only one over enough to get the \$100 enpar when the match ended on trance fee in the post," Waites the 16th.

There were also some extroadinary exchanges like will use this tournament as an that at the short 13th where acid test, along with the THF Waites holed from 20 yards PGA Seniors and the Volvo

followed him in for a half with a delightful chip from 19 yards. Pugh and Walker, how-ever, could not parry Collingham's thrust at the 16th where she struck a wonderful fairway wood to within a few feet of the hole.

These are exciting times for Waites. He could have been forgiven if in 1983 he had considered he had reached a pinnacle when he won a place in the European team for the Ryder Cup. Instead the letter which he received on March 1 - his fiftieth birthday - earlier this month has stirred his competitive instincts.

Waites has been invited to compete with Nicklaus. Trevino and company in the US Senior Tour PGA Championship at PGA National, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, from April 12 to 15. "I couldn't put pen to paper fast

The outcome is that Waites

He has been the club professional at Hollinwell since 1969 and he would need to sever his links with them to embark on a full-time career on the US Seniors Tour.

"I've known for the last couple of years that I'm no longer good enough to com-pete with the 25-year-olds on the European Tour," Waites said. "But I'm fit, I'm no shorter off the tee than I was 10 years ago and I feel that I'm still a good striker, if not quite as sharp as I was.

"Bob Charles was struggling as he approached 50 to qualify in Europe, but he has been cleaning-up on the US Tour. Doug Sanders and Frank Beard are still doing well out there and I should be able to eat them. Nicklaus and Trevino? They obviously have better records, but I have no fears about taking them on.

"What I have to do is throw the balls up in the air and make the most difficult choice of my life. I still thoroughly enjoy serving the members at Hollinwell. But I'm very with his putter and Pugh Seniors British Open this fortunate that a door has been

career; I will need to commit myself fully.

Waites will hope to receive other invitations to events on the US Seniors Tour

For the moment he is ready to concentrate on winning the Sunningdal foursomes with Collingham, although they have a difficult task this morning against Lee Mucklow, assistant at Sunningdale, and Mark

Helen Dobson, the British

and English champion, and Alison Johns progressed as did Diane Barnard and Nigel Blenkarne, who were only two over par for the 31 holes they played during the day. Dale Reid and Corinne Dibnah also moved through following a 7 and 6 win over Bernard Hunt. the former Ryder Cup captain, and Derwynn Honan, Some years ago Hunt attempted to avoid revealing that he had been struck by lightning during a tournament. This time he was more forthright, "They rather smashed us," Hunt

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# Women get their own 'Ryder Cup'

Europe will meet for a Ryder Cup-style match in Florida in November, it was disclosed here yesterday. The announcement adds an extra dimension to the season for both the strength of the women's pro-

fessional game. Full details have yet to be confirmed but, at a meeting prior to the Turquoise Classic, which starts at Moon Valley in Phoenix today, the players were told that the venue would be Lake Nona in Florida, base of David Leadbetter, Nick Faldo's coach. The date is the week of November 12, the week before the men's World Cup at Grand Cypress. The Karsten Manufacturing Corporation, more familiarly known as Ping, is to be the only sponsor.

"It's the best news we've had all year," Laura Davies, the former US and British

The women professional golf- Open champion, said. She has ers of the United States and been a great supporter of team golf since her days in the Surrey county side.

Nancy Lopez, who represented her country in the Curtis Cup in 1976, was just as enthusiastic. "I'm thrilled." Americans and the Europeans she said. "It's about time and I and reflects the growing can't wait for it to happen."

The American professionals have an annual match against the Japanese but it is not matchplay and a team competition against the Europeans is bound to stoke their competitive fires. Like Lopez. both Beth Daniel, the leading money-winner this season. and Patty Sheehan, second on the list, played in the Curtis Cup and will be keen to maintain their positions to clinch places on the team.

Joe Flanagan, the executive director of the Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour, said yesterday that the format of the match was still under discussion and that the name had yet to be decided.

# Fastest man lured to London Marathon

By David Powell Athletics Correspondent

First the Kenyan who sold his you two minibuses to get to goat to get to the Commonwealth Games; now the Ethioand a fax machine so that we pians lured to the ADT London Marathon by two minibuses and a fax machine. A team of Ethiopians is bound for London on April 22, including the holder of the his best by 51 seconds, his payworld's fastest time, Belayneh

In announcing the field yesterday, Chris Brasher, the race director, said that a threeyear deal had been struck with minutes, \$52,195 for winning, best of 2:21:06, set in 1985, the Ethiopian federation. \$15,000 for leading the win- suggests the men have simply

best runners and we'll give training in the hills of Ethiopia can communicate with you," the race organizers promised.

A minibus could be handy for Densimo to take home his earnings. Should he improve day could approach \$300,000 exclusive of minibuses and fax machine. That would include

A pacemaker will be pro-

vided. Brasher would not disclose who, but Nick Rose is in the field and, following his 65-minute half-marathon at hilly Hastings, who better? "The pacemaker will be there to do 62 minutes 30 seconds for the first half," Brasher said. London has yet to produce an exceptionally fast time by a man, but Ingrid \$172,500 for sub two hours six Kristiansen's women's world

ning team and his start not tapped the course's money.

The support field is disappointing and, with Yakov Tolstikov, of the Soviet Union, the next best, and two and a half minutes slower, Steve Jones's course record of 2:08.16, for a \$10,000 bonus, might be a more sensible target for Densimo. The most appealing of the remaining entries are the Britons, Kevin Forster and Paul Davies-Hale, and Vladimir Kotov, of the Soviet Union. Brasher must hope that Douglas Wakiihuri. last year's winner who had

agreed to return if fit, recovers 2:07:40 or better in the past from injury. "It's looking increasingly unlikely,

It was in Rotterdam two Brasher's thunder by running his world best on London marathon day. Only Densimo himself, and perhaps Daviesfrom one-upmanship again. On the same day once more, they have Abebe Mekkonen, Hiromi Taniguchi and Ahmed

two years.

The women's London race is missing its customary big. names, such as Kristiansen or years ago that Densimo stole Grete Waitz, Neither they not Rosa Mota or Lisa Martin are available for the spring marathons. The good to come out of bad is the promise of a close Hale, can prevent Rotterdam race, the best of an unspectacularbunch appearing to be Wanda Panfil, of Poland, Zhao Youfeng, of China, and Lisa Weidenbach. Saleh, who have all run of the United States.